

# MESSAGE OUTLINE

## Sunday, May 19, 2024



10:30am Sunday 13095 Publishers Drive, Fishers

Today's Message: GOD'S CALLING  
1 Timothy 3:1-7  
Pastor Gary Stump

Who is an elder? What does an elder do? Why do we ordain elders? What is ordination anyway? We do not choose elders. We recognize the men God has raised up.

Ordination = the act of affirming someone as a leader of the church

**Qualities of an elder:** *1 Timothy 3:1–7 (ESV) The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. <sup>2</sup> Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, <sup>3</sup> not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. <sup>4</sup> He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, <sup>5</sup> for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? <sup>6</sup> He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. <sup>7</sup> Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.*

3 Greek Words: Presbuteros = elder; church leader; Poimane = pastor; shepherd; Episcopas = bishop; overseer

**Peter's instructions for the elders:** *1 Peter 5:1–4 (ESV) So I exhort the **elders** among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: <sup>2</sup> **shepherd** the flock of God that is among you, **exercising oversight**, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; <sup>3</sup> not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup> And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.*

**Paul's instructions for the elders:** *Acts 20:28 (ESV) Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.*

**Ordaining an elder:** *1 Timothy 5:22 (NLT) Never be in a hurry about appointing a church leader. Do not share in the sins of others. Keep yourself pure.*

**Recognize the calling of an elder:** *1 Timothy 4:14 (ESV) Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you.*

3 confirmations of calling:

1. Inner witness
2. Affirmation by friends
3. Effectiveness in ministry

**Honor your leaders:** *1 Thessalonians 5:12–13 (NLT) Dear brothers and sisters, honor those who are your leaders in the Lord's work. They work hard among you and give you spiritual guidance. <sup>13</sup> Show them great respect and wholehearted love because of their work. And live peacefully with each other.*

**Follow your spiritual leaders:** *Hebrews 13:17 (NLT) Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit.*

**SO WHAT?** Are you submitted to your elders?

*Ephesians 5:21 (NIV84) Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.*



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## ONWARD CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

**1. FISHERS COMEDY & MAGIC SHOW—JUNE 1 @ 7PM—Live on stage at Onward will be** Leland Klassen, Bob Smiley, Robert G. Lee, plus our own David Pendleton. Tickets \$20. To purchase: <https://fisherscomedyandmagic.com/box-office>

**2. YOUTH CAMP JUNE 19-22 @ CAMP INDICOSO, SPRINGVILLE, IN.** Camp Indicoso, 1558 Sieboldt Quarry Road, Springville, Indiana. Arrival: 11am on Wednesday, June 19. Return: Pick up on Saturday, June 22 at 4pm. Cost: \$350/pp, (\$300/pp for multiple siblings, same family). Can pay cash or check payable to "Mission Christian Academy." You can give the money to Jerry Ackerman.

**3. FAMILY CAMP—SEPTEMBER 20-22** at the Blue Gate Inn Shipshewana. Cost \$399 per family; \$250 per individual. Includes two nights lodging, two huge buffet breakfasts, and Amish dinner on Saturday evening. Limited space. **To reserve your place...** Make checks out to Onward with "Family Camp" in the memo. Or for more information and to register visit: <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/onwardfamilycamp>. Final payment due Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>.



Family Camp Registration

**4. PAL ("PARENTS OF ADDICTED LOVED ONES") MEETING**—This is for families of adult children dealing with substance addiction. Every Tuesday night, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Free weekly meetings. Dr. Nancy Smith, facilitator. For more information, contact [nancy1108smith@gmail.com](mailto:nancy1108smith@gmail.com) or 317-508-8149.

**5. GIVE BIBLES IN HONOR OF OR IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE**—The Gideons have provided a display on the counter in the foyer for you to give God's word in honor or in memory of a loved one.

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