

Elders...

Understanding the Plan

- God's plan for church organization is summarized in **Philippians 1:1...**
- Both bishops and deacons develop certain qualities (**1 Tim. 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9**).
- In **Acts 20:17, 28**, Paul uses three words to describe the work (**1 Tim. 3:11; Titus 1:9; 1 Pt. 5:2**).

Reading About Elders

- Old Testament: the term is a verb that means "to be old."
- New Testament:
 - *Presbuteros* — older ones (**1 Tim. 5:1-2**); members of the Sandhedrin (**Acts 24:1**)
 - *Episkopos* — those who oversee... (**Acts 14:23**)
 - *Poimēn* — shepherd... (**Eph. 4:11; Titus 1:5**)

Doing the Work

1. **The terms used...** *Elder, Bishop (overseer), Shepherd (pastor)*...
2. **The qualifications given...** **domestic, social, and spiritual** responsibilities.
3. **Leading by consent...** leadership by example and gentle persuasion (**1 Pt. 5:3**).
4. **Decision-making...** study Scripture, pray often, seek wisdom, weigh alternatives, take time.
5. **Equipping the saints...** for service (**Eph. 4:12, 16; 1 Cor. 12:12-22**).
6. **Conflict resolution...** the divine plan is found in **Matthew 5:23-24** and **18:15-18**.

Principle: Reciprocal responsibility and rewarding relationship (**Heb. 13:17; 1 Pt. 5:4**).

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Bible Trivia

Answer: What Hebrew captive interpreted the Egyptian Pharaoh's dreams? Joseph (Genesis 41:1-36).

Question: What king attacked the Israelites on their way into Canaan, only to be completely destroyed later?



News & Prayer Requests

Please continue special prayer and encouragement for **Phil and Lillian Bancale**. She had a PET scan and will hopefully have results Monday.

Greg Cox is asking us to pray as he struggles with temptation and being faithful to the Lord.

Please pray for John Peitsmeyer's sister, **Kathy Spencer** as she recovers from a heart procedure.

Please pray for Justin Dean's mother, **Connie Dean**, as she rehabilitates after hip and leg surgery.

Please pray for Kathy Peitsmeyer's grandparents, **Marilena** and **Herman Rodas**, and her aunt, **Rosario**. Marilena is dealing with difficult, expensive, health problems back in Guatemala.

Please pray that our faith and trust in God and His plan will grow and deep every day!

Our Shut-ins

The Atrium of Bellmead — Ruby & Billy Evans

Wesley Woods — Dolores Davis

Homebound — Pearl Garza, Shela Havard, Larry Lykins, Arthur Mae Maloy

June Birthdays

Sebastian Moore (18) Christina Burns (21)
Elijah Eubank (26)

June Anniversaries

Eric & Michelle Wharton (23)
William & Sammi Jo Whisenhunt (27)
David & Kristen Rowin (30)

Upcoming Activities!

Thank you for worshipping God and studying with us today! **Remember**, no evening worship.

Marriage study will meet Saturday, **June 26** at 5:00pm. See Matt & Cherie Winget with questions.

New Road **Youth Rally** is for 2nd-12th grade, Saturday, **June 26 (9am-3pm)**. Please register at www.newroadchurchofchrist.org!

We're so thankful for our **Sunday Bible Classes!** Please join us every week at **9:30am!**

This Wednesday we will meet at **6:30pm** for devotional, news, and focused prayer time!

Ladies Class at the church building, Wednesdays (10am). Book: It's A Red Letter Day (Debbie Dupuy)

Please check [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/northsidewaco) & northsidewaco.org for **social distance guidelines**. Thank you for working together with us each step of the way.

Online Encouragement is available. Please check the website and Facebook for prayer needs.

Encouragement cards, texts, and phone calls are great ways to check in on our church family!

Dates to Remember

June 16	Wednesday Devotion (6:30pm) Ladies Class (10:00am)
June 20	Bible classes (9:30am) Worship (10:30am)
June 26	New Road Youth Rally! Marriage Study (5:00pm)