



Mark's Mark... How Many Children Must An Elder Have?

An elder must be *"blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children, not accused of dissipation or insubordination."*
Titus 1:6

Many people have studied this passage and have arrived with different conclusions. Some teach that elders must have multiple children while others hold to the idea that one child is enough to fulfill this qualification. What is the correct answer? Some make the statement that if you ask to hold a meeting with all the parents of children after worship services even those who only have one child will come to the meeting. As is always the case, the bible is its own best commentary. Notice the following verses:

Genesis 21:7 She also said, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? For I have borne *him* a son in his old age."

Genesis 30:1 23 Now when Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister, and said to Jacob, "Give me children, or else I die!"... And she conceived and bore a son, and said, "God has taken away my reproach."

Leviticus 25:41 And *then* he shall depart from you he and his children with him and shall return to his own family. He shall return to the possession of his fathers

Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it

Matthew 19:29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.

Luke 14:26 If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.

1 Timothy 5:4, 10 But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show piety at home and to repay their parents; for this is good and acceptable before God...if she has brought up children, if she has lodged strangers, if she has washed the saints' feet, if she has relieved the afflicted, if she has diligently followed every good work.

Ephesians 6:4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord

Colossians 3:21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged

1 Corinthians 7:14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are holy.

In each of these passages, the number of children is not as important as the fact that children are present. Instead of worrying about the number of children a man has, we need to concentrate more fully on the way his children were raised in his home, 1 Timothy 3:5.

Our Vision: Striving to be the Hands of Jesus

Our Values: Worship, Spiritual Growth, Edification, Christian Living, Outreach, Benevolence

PRAYERS

Regarding the Sick

Jeaneen Crocker will be having more tests done.

Dorothy Bean is in Rm 111 of the Marshall County Hospital with an infection.

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Chicago, IL 60610

Continue to remember: **Gerald, Dorothy & Sandy Bean, Glen Burse, Shella Mae Collins, Sue Cope, Wilma Darnell, Kevin Farley, Sharla Henson, Regina Hines, Pat Jarrett, April Jones, Flo Jones, Gerald Jones, David Knight, Cindy Lowe, Ashley Lyles, Sylvia McCarty, Fred Miller, Rowena Northcott, Florence Robertson, Joelette Ross, Pam Ross, and Betty Stevenson.**

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<i>Widows</i>		<i>Visitors, Welcome & Follow-up</i>		<i>Worship</i>	
Karon Crocker	527-7534	Aaron Lyles	559-4207	Byron Rudd	527-1533
<i>Office</i>		<i>5th Grade and Under</i>		<i>Sound</i>	
Kevin Farley	527-2409	Jared Morgan	577-8276	Phillip Rudd	527-3682
<i>Worship Assignments</i>		<i>Foreign Mission</i>		<i>WITB Radio</i>	
Chris Gunn	703-6112	Jason Perry	906-5354	Jerry Sells	527-1477
<i>Middle & High School</i>		<i>Prison Ministry</i>		<i>Library & Christian Scholarship</i>	
Randy Jackson	493-0220	Luke Phillips	703-7681	Paul Thurman	527-3773
<i>Widows</i>		<i>5th Grade and Under</i>		<i>Cemetery & Church Finance</i>	
Jason Jones	703-0751	Scott Phillips	703-2227	Dennis Tucker	527-3948
<i>Kids First</i>		<i>Technology</i>		<i>Kitchen Supplies & Furniture</i>	
Jeff Jones	527-3017	Gerald Rainey	703-0465	Don Walker	205-2096
<i>Children's Education</i>		<i>Outside Grounds</i>		<i>Special Events</i>	
Jim Kelley	703-1897			Cory Westerfield	437-3872
<i>Benevolent</i>				<i>After School</i>	

NEWS

Middle school and high school will have a Super Bowl party on February 7th at the Gunn Farm. A bus will take the kids to the farm right after evening services and will bring them back to the church when the game is over. Parents, please see Melissa about bringing food.

There will be a **grief seminar** at the Briensburg church of Christ on February 13th from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. If you are interested in attending, contact Briensburg at 270-527-8691. More information is provided on the bulletin board in the foyer.

ATTENTION ..YOUNG at HEART SENIORS.

All senior adults are invited to attend a Valentine Luncheon here at the building on Thursday, February 18th. from 11:00 - 1:00 pm. hosted by the Christian Reaching Out Team. Sign up sheet in foyer. Questions? See Sherry Woodruff or Jane Hines

Luke Janiec and **Zach Martin** will be going on a Mission trip to Guyana, South America this coming summer. In order to raise funds for this trip, the men would greatly appreciate helping with any odd jobs or yard work. Please contact Luke or Zack if you are interested in helping out.

We are going to be printing new directories but before we do, we would like our members to double check the information on file so that we print off and give out the correct information. There are three copies printed and placed on the table under the bulletin board in the foyer. If any information is incorrect please correct it on the booklet or write it down and place it in the secretary's folder in the office.

Travis asked that we remember our new member **Estel Taylor** and to send him cards of encouragement.

Estel Taylor
54 Judicial Drive
Benton, KY 42025

The Freed-Hardeman Lectures are next week. A bus will be leaving the church building at 7AM on Tuesday February 9th. If you are interested in attending, please use the sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer or call the office.

Bible Classes

Sunday 10:00

Aud Gospel of John Mark Ray
Rm 51 Modern Parenting Doug Lyles
Rm 52 Colossians Bob York
Rm 35 New Converts Sonny Rommelman

Wednesday 6:45

Aud Genesis Mark Ray
Rm 51 The Christian & Violence Jared Morgan & Jeff Jones
Rm 52 The Life of Daniel Sandra Stevenson

On the Calendar

Sunday, February 7:

9:00 Morning Worship
10:15 Bible Class
5:00 Evening Worship

Wednesday, February 10:

5:30 Potluck Meal
6:30 Mid-Week Services

Birthdays

February 7: Ally Brown
Madison Vaughn
February 9: Seth Janiec
February 10: Shauna Burkeen
February 12: Kelly Edwards
Jodi Westerfield
David Whirley
February 13: Bob Poague

Anniversary

February 8: Bill & Alicia Colp

Care Crew - Feb. 8th:

Canned Peas & Chocolate Icing
Please remember your pledge!

Our Record

January 31, 2016

Sunday AM	278
Bible Study	241
Sunday PM	192
Contribution	\$11,722.15
YTD Actual	\$ N / A
YTD Budget	\$ N / A

Our Theme For This Year Is
Into the Word...Unto the World

1. Pick up a copy of the "Go & Grow" list in the foyer and hang it somewhere you will always see it and be reminded of it. This is a way to encourage us to do good works.
2. As you do your bible reading this year, place a penny in the jar in the foyer for each chapter you read. This will help us see our progress in bible reading as a congregation.

AM Service

Welcome: Don Walker
 Song Leader: Matt Ross
 Opening Prayer: Jeff Jones
 Lord's Supper & Offering: Kendall Stevenson
 Lord's Supper:

Jon Henson Monty Moss
 Collin Gunn Tyler Moss
 Chris Gunn Lynndy Moss
 Jeff LeVan Roger Jarrett

Scripture Reading: Brent Lents

Titus 1:5-9

Sermon: Mark Ray

What Does An Elder Look Like Part 1

Shepherd's Benediction: Bob York
 Greeters: (North) Missi Holley & Carolyn Frazier
 (Center) Jason & Kelly Jones
 (South) John & Shanda Walker

Nursery Attendants: Taylor Odom & Deena Whirley

Unable to Serve Call: **Mitch Lovett**
270-293-1134

PM Service

Shepherd's Welcome: Bob York
 Song Leader: Gary Stegall
 Opening Prayer: Roger Jarrett
 Scripture Reading: Mitch Lovett

1 Timothy 3:1-7

Sermon: Mark Ray

What Does An Elder Look Like Part 2

Lord's Supper: Jason Perry
 Closing Prayer: Byron Rudd
 Unable to Serve Call: **Randy Jackson**
270-493-0220

Wednesday 02/10

Welcome: Don Walker
 Song Leader: J.D. Whirley
 Speaker: Scott Phillips
 Unable to Serve Call: **Mike Darnall**
270-703-5244

Lord's Supper to Shut-Ins: Jeff Jones & Byron Rudd
 Bus: Bob Hines 994-4765
 Sound: Jeff Smith
 Security: Scott Brown

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