

5 Ways to Honor Faithful Servants

“Honor such men.” Philippians 2:29b ESV

“Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching.”

1 Timothy 5:17 ESV

#1 - **PRAY** for them.

“Now I implore you, brothers, through the Lord Jesus Christ and through the love of the Spirit, to agonize together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf.”

Romans 15:30 HCSB

#2 - **PROVIDE** for them.

Scripture tells us, “Don’t muzzle a working ox” and “A worker deserves his pay.”

1 Timothy 5:18 The Message

(1 Cor. 9:9; Deut. 25:4; Matt. 10:10; Luke 10:7)

“Those who are taught the word of God should provide for their teachers, sharing all good things with them.” Galatians 6:6 NLT

#3 - **PROTECT** them.

“Do not entertain an accusation against an elder unless it is brought by two or three witnesses.” 1 Timothy 5:19 NIV

παραδέχομαι (para / déchomai): **come along side and to receive**

NLT, NCV: “do not listen”

ESV: “do not admit a charge”

HCSB, NET, NRSV: “do not accept”

#4 - **PAY PROPER RESPECT** to them.

“We beg you, our brothers and sisters, to pay proper respect to those who work among you, who guide and instruct you in the Christian life.”

1 Thessalonians 5:12 GNT

“Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls and will give an account.” Hebrews 13:17a NRSV

#5 - **PRACTICE** your faith before them and others.

“Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.”

Hebrews 13:7 NIV

“Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.” 1 Corinthians 11:1 ESV
(Also 1 Corinthians 4:16; Philippians 3:17)

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Welcome to



a community loving God and loving people.

We're So Glad You're Here!

We plan to celebrate Christ's love for seventy-five minutes tonight and we hope you'll sing, pray, laugh and learn along with us. Are you worried about the rules - when to stand, when to sit, what to say? Don't be! We've worked hard to make our time together just like family. So sit back, relax, and enjoy the service. You're definitely among friends here at Church Requel.

Tonight: Honoring Faithful

Men - Tonight we'll study Philippians 2:19-30. We'll see the example of two faithful men who served the 1st century church. And then we'll learn 5 ways we should honor such leaders in our own church today.

Next Week: The Great

Exchange. We gladly trade the refuse of our right living for the righteousness found in Christ. Why is it so easy to forget this in practical, every day living?

Info Card

Would you do us the favor of filling out the green Info Card from top to

bottom? We will keep you posted on what's happening at Church Requel. Drop off your card in one of the offering baskets as you exit. Thanks!

White Donation Envelope

We appreciate your worship by giving tithes and offerings to support the ministry of Church Requel. Use the white envelope in your program and drop in one of the offering baskets on your way out.

Prayer Requests and Praises

Do you have something you'd like us to pray about? After our communion time, we'd be happy to pray for your need. Fill out the peach prayer request card and drop it on the communion table up front.

Music for Tonight

Here's the lineup for tonight's service in case you want to find the music for your own worship:

- “Everlasting God” by Chris Tomlin
- “Open Up the Sky” by Deluge
- “Your Love Oh Lord” by Third Day
- “At the Cross” by Hillsong
- “Nothing But the Blood of Jesus”

by Hillsong

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Around Here!

Sometimes it's important to remind ourselves of a few things. Around here we're more interested...

- in giving a cup of water to a thirsty person than we are in drinking it ourselves;
- in rubbing shoulders with people who've made plenty of mistakes than we are in standing next to people who pretend they haven't;
- in following an unpredictable Savior than crawling after the expected and routinely predictable;
- in equipping you to live in the real world than creating a Christian bubble;
- in searching for one lost person more than the 99 found ones every time!
- in growing big people rather than in growing a big church;
- in helping you to discover a life of worship than furthering a musical genre;
- in walking through life together than watching each other from a safe distance.

We are a community guided by these Biblical values and they will guide EVERY DECISION we make, EVERY RELATIONSHIP we nurture, and EVERY PLAN we conceive. This is the road we are choosing to travel and you are invited to take this journey with us.

We'd love it if you joined us... around here! Pastor Mark

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Communion Tonight

Tonight we will celebrate communion together. If you know Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, you may share this communion celebration with us. You do not need to be a member of our church. When we come to this time in our service, you may take a piece of bread and a cup back to your seat. Eat the bread and drink from the cup individually when you are ready to do so, remembering the sacrifice Jesus made for you.

Are You a Musician or Singer?

If you know how to play a musical instrument or if you know how to sing AND if you have a heart to

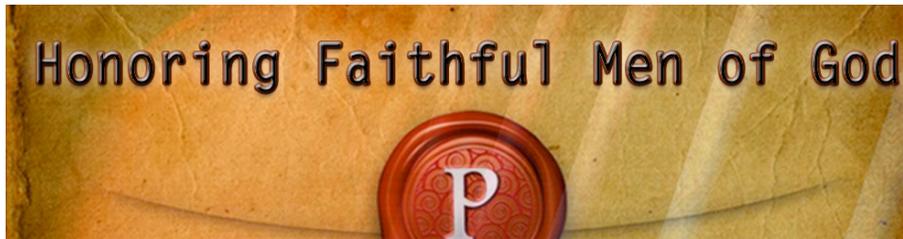
worship Christ, we want you on our team! We are conducting rehearsals now every Wednesday evening here at OCF. If you would like to be a part of this worship ministry, please call Nate Williams at 419-989-9313

Children's Ministry

Children up through Kindergarten have their own classroom for the entire service. Elementary age children will be dismissed to their class midway through the service. Watch for the dismissal during our announcements this evening.

Board Meeting Thursday

Leaders, don't forget about our August Board meeting this Thursday at 7PM.



¹⁹ I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. ²⁰ For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. ²¹ For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. ²² But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel. ²³ I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me, ²⁴ and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also.

²⁵ I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need, ²⁶ for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. ²⁷ Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. ²⁸ I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious. ²⁹ So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men, ³⁰ for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.

Philippians 2:19-30 ESV

2 Examples of Faithful Servants

Timothy:

a servant's **ATTITUDE**. (v. 19-21)

a servant's **TRAINING**. (v. 22)

a servant's **REWARD**. (v. 23-24)

Epaphroditus:

a **BALANCED** Christian. (v. 25)
 "fellow brother" - "fellowship of the gospel" (1:5)
 "fellow worker" - "furtherance of the gospel" (1:12)
 "fellow soldier" - "faith of the gospel" (1:27)

a **BURDENED** Christian. (v. 26-27)

a **BLESSED** Christian. (v. 28-30)