



5 Things Elders Need to Hear Regularly

by Adam Faughn

If it were not tragic, it would be funny. That is this: often, the only thing elders ever hear from the congregation is complaining.

If things are going well, we just assume the elders know we appreciate it. But let things start going downhill—even just a little bit—and we have no problem talking to our shepherds.

Part of being in a position of leadership is understanding that you will hear complaints at times. It comes with the territory. But it really is tragic that too many elders only hear complaints, though they are striving to help people grow closer to the Lord and reach heaven.

Elders are not perfect men, but those who are in this position of leadership are worthy of our consideration and kindness. Additionally, they need to be built up through our words on a regular basis.

To that end, here are 5 things that elders need to hear from each member on a regular basis.

1. **I Pray for You.** Carrying the weight of watching over the souls of a congregation is a very heavy task, indeed. Elders need to know that members are regularly bringing their names and concerns before the throne of God.
2. **I Trust You.** Our society always leans toward distrust of anyone in any position of leadership. Yes, that bleeds over into the church. Elders need to hear that the members trust their wise judgment. Even if the elders make mistakes, their intent is not to be harmful or disruptive. They need to know that you know that!
3. **I Pray for Your Wife.** One of the hardest roles in the church is that of being the wife of an elder. When something is heavy upon the heart of her husband but, due to confidence, he cannot share that with her, it weighs on

her heart and mind, as well. She needs your prayers, too, and elders need to know that the members do not treat their wives as some group of “others,” but as ladies who need our prayers.

4. **I Think Our Future is Bright.** Elders are constantly hearing from people about how things “used to be.” “Back when we were...” is a very common beginning to many conversations with elders. While that certainly has its place, elders need to know that you think the congregation has a bright and God-glorifying future. While they do not seek nor want the credit, it helps put wind in their sails to know that their vision of what—with God’s help—could be is being shared.

5. **Thank You.** Those two words mean the world to anyone, but especially to those in positions of leadership. Long hours, heart-wrenching prayers, and sleepless nights are the parts of the work that most people do not see. All we see is the fruit of all those things. For those things we should be grateful, and that gratitude needs to be regularly expressed.

Elders hold an office that simply is unequalled in its importance. These pastors love souls, and want the church to grow in number, spirit, and unity. They understand the depth and breadth of their position, and they also know the pressures that come with it.

Just a few words, regularly and honestly spoken by the members, will help these men lighten their load and bring more joy to their lives.

(Adam Faughn preaches for the 9th Avenue church of Christ in Haleyville, Alabama, and blogs at www.faughnfamily.com)

Kindness is Timeless

by Richard Mansel

Social media brings out the worst in so many people. Anger, hostility, rudeness and profanity have replaced civility and younger generations are accustomed to obscenity as the soundtrack of their generation.

Perceived humor in our day is built on innuendo and without it, this generation is practically speechless.

As we age, we see the trends come and go, and they become less important to us. We can ride the waves in a desperate attempt to remain relevant or we can try the timeless approach.

Regardless of what is considered cutting-edge in any year, the practice of kindness never goes out of style.

We spread flowers, not hate and nastiness, when kind, positive words emanate from us. In so doing, we change the people around us and bring light to dark worlds (Matthew 5:16).

God's people should make kindness a law in their lives (Proverbs 31:26). A kind word soothes the savage beast. A smile banishes the scowl and warms the frozen heart. People gravitate to kindness and appreciate its medicinal value.

Kindness disarms anger (Romans 12:20) and transcends time and place so it is never out of fashion. Kindness touches the heart and soul of humanity as nothing else can. We need it desperately in a coarse and hateful world.

If every soul were treated with kindness, so much evil would be overcome. When we add Christ to a kind disposition, it is an unstoppable force for good (Colossians 3:12).

Spread kindness, goodness and love to the world and then share Christ with the open heart.

Kindness opens doors that anger would never see. When we lift others above their doldrums, they begin to see the world in a different light. In so doing, we create the possibility that Christ can finally be seen.

(Richard Mansel is managing editor of Forthright Magazine. The original of this article can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/bs2rb68>)

Clothed with Humility

by Tom Moore

The word "humility" means literally a low estimate of self. But this does not imply self-deprecation. When you hear someone deprecating himself, usually you can put it down as a sort of counterfeit humility. Someone has said, "The true way to be humble is not to stoop until you are smaller than yourself, but to stand at your full height before some higher nature that will show you how small your greatness is." Scripture says, "Walk humbly with thy God" (Micah 6:8). Here is where we learn true humility. Walking with God, seeing ourselves by the side of His greatness, we see how little we are. And seeing how little we are is the first step toward becoming what we can and ought to be.

"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time" (1 Peter 5:6). We never become truly great, we never do our best work until we are "clothed with humility" - until, like our Lord and Savior, we are willing to live to serve others. Remember, "But he giveth more grace. Wherefore the scripture saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble" (James 4:6).

(Tom Moore preaches for the Park Heights church of Christ in Hamilton, Texas)

A FRESH START

RECAPPING OUR FIRST YEAR

What a great year it has been with GSOP at Fayetteville! August represents the First Year Anniversary for the South Metro Campus. It has been an exciting and much appreciated start for the church at Fayetteville and our campus. We attribute this success to both our teachers and students. Michael Gifford got us off to a great start with the "Life of Christ." David Decker followed presenting the Gospel of John. Our own Dave Rogers brought great lessons in Hermeneutics, Problems Facing the Church, and Introduction to Research and Composition. We began our first session of classes with over 50 students registering, averaging about 40 in attendance, and nine enrolled for Credit. Our Second year Class Sessions begin August 29th. On Mondays Randy Kea will be presenting an exhaustive study of 1st & 2nd Thessalonians from 6-7pm and Introduction to New Testament from 7-9 pm. On Thursdays Steve Vice will be teaching World Religions from 6-7 pm. This will be a great class for all who wish to learn more about religious groups such as Islam, Judaism, Mormonism, and others. It was Paul who said "To the weak I became weak to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some" (1 Cor. 9:22). Finally, on Thursday from 7-9pm Dave Rogers will lead us in a study of Acts of the Apostles, relating text as a bridge between the Gospels and epistles with comparisons made between the ministries of Paul and Peter with special emphasis on the text as an apologia for A.D.70. Tell a friend! Invite your neighbor! Most importantly, I look forward to seeing YOU in class.

LOOKING AHEAD – WINTER QUARTER LEADERSHIP TRAINING

As we select our classes for next quarter (beginning December), I want to especially encourage all in church leadership to mark your calendars to attend our Dynamic Leadership in the Local Church class facilitated by David Decker. While this class will focus on biblical leadership in the Lord's church, it will inform, uplift and empower elders, deacons and all men of God to ministering unto others with a servant heart for the benefit of God's people, His Church and to save lost souls.

Stay tuned for the exact dates and times for this and the rest of our Winter Quarter classes as we confirm them on the calendar.

Online Registration – <http://fayetteville.gsoponline.org>

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GSOP South Metro Campus

Newsletter Spotlight

CLASSROOM LOCATION CHANGE!

Classes will be held in room 205 on the second floor of the main building, across from the elevator.

CONVENIENT REGISTRATION!

Class schedules can be viewed and On-line registration encouraged at <http://fayetteville.gsoponline.org>

Family Matters

Becky Higginbotham – Is doing a little better.
Butch Trawick – Remains in Piedmont Fayette Hospital, room 226.

Deepest Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to **Catherine Kelly and family** for the loss of her mother, sister Audrey Shaw. The funeral will be Saturday at College Park Cemetery at 10am.

Also to **Linda Ravenell and her family** for the loss of her grandmother, Alice Marshall of Macon, GA.

Please keep both families in your prayers.

Members With Health Problems: Steven Burdette, Lillie Jones, Mattie Croix, Ruby Fowler, Mary Lawrence, Amy Nash, Decieta Lyons, Ru-Pearl Sharpe, Sally Wallace, Brenda Mitchell, Equillar Butler, Theresa Green, Ruby Fowler, Shirley Jones, Lucille Amon, Marlene Etheridge, Mattie Williams, Bernice Gillespie, Maylon Swann, Hick & Estell Higginbotham, Una Fortson, Forrest & Burma Chapman

Shut-ins: Valerie Whitaker, Joann Trawick, David & Shirley Lee, Annette Benefield, Lillian Gray, David Nash, Jane Lankford, Joe Clark & Frances Elder

Others With Health Problems: Marvin Dixon, Sybil Hedden, Caylee Williamson (Terri Durden's niece), Cole Gilman, David Fredricks (Jeannie Pyron's brother), Meg Wallace (Sharon O'Brien's cousin), Willard Mann, Bree Couch (Ginny's daughter-in-law), Gregory Crook (Lucille Amon's nephew), Jean Benefield (Annette's daughter-in-law), Norma Tolle (Lewis Armstrong's cousin), Greta Newsome (Jill Nash's sister), Joanne Daugherty (David & Wayne Nash's Sister), Carol Bomar (Charity Nash's aunt), Loretta Russell (Ray's mother), Nelda Hayes (Jack Sorrell's aunt), Tom Holcomb (Annette Benefield's S-in-L), Nancy Ford (Joann Crook's sister), Virginia Poskevich (David's mother), Xermonia Fortson (Una's daughter), Eddie & Lil Cauthen (Joan Poskevich's B-i-L/S-i-L), Joe Hand (Jim Scoma's B-in-L) and Marvin Cook (Jean Johnson's brother)

Prayer Requested - Scott Kelly's email address jpay.com (Web site) #1001380630 (Scott / Robert Kelly)

Prayer Requested – Jamie & Jason Campbell (Sylvester & Missy's sons).

Military Members Deployed: AM3 Candace Butts (Connie Elder's daughter), US Navy

FEMA Deployed: Sylvester Campbell is in Louisiana for 2 months.

Calendar

Sept 6 - Tuesday Morning Bible Study at 10am

Sept 9 - Family Game Night at 6pm



September 11 – Bridal Shower for Maggie Mobley at 3pm. Her fiancé is Caleb McGaughy. They are registered at Target

Sept 13 - Tuesday Ladies Night Out hosted by Susan Pelfrey in the fellowship hall.

September 18-21 – Fall Gospel Meeting, Speaker: Joey Barkley. Lunch on Sunday after the AM Services.

October 7-8 – Ladies' Retreat at Calvin Center. The theme is "Setting My Table with Soul Food". If you plan to attend, *please sign up*; the cost will be \$80.00 for overnight (Dinner & Lunch) and \$15.00 for Saturday.

Oct 21 - Silverwings Apple Barn Trip, the bus will leave the building at 9:30am.



Nov 11-12 - Marriage Enrichment Week-end



Nov 20 - ThanksSinging at 2-4pm

Fall Gospel Meeting and Luncheon

September 18-21

Speaker: Joey Barkley

Theme "Winning the Battle Against Depression

Judges 6-7"

Youth Events

Sept 18 - Area Wide Youth Devo – Shannon
Sept – Stone Mountain Trip – All L2L, leaving the church building at 2 – late

Oct 23 - Area Wide Youth Devo – Forest Park

October 29 – God's Ranch - Feed the Homeless

Nov 13 - Area Wide Youth Devo - Fairview

Area Events:

Sept 8 - October 20 – Buford COC GSOP Enrollment, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Instructor: Mike Gifford

Sept 10 – Gordon Rd COC Ladies' Day

Sept 17 - Ladies' Tea hosted by Douglasville COC

Sept 26-28 – Shannon COC Gospel Meeting

Oct 2 – 5 - Middle Fayette COC Revival, Speaker: Randy Kea

Oct 16 – Forest Park COC Ladies' Day

Oct 19-23 - World Mission Forum at Forest Park COC

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First Annual Benefit Dinner & Live Auction
October 8th, from 6-9pm

	9/4	9/11	9/18	9/25
Call To Worship	Greg Nash	Greg Nash	Dave Rogers	Greg Nash
Scripture Reading	Randall Bell	Jake Garner	Luke Quinn	Zeke Poskevich
Song Leader	Stan Mitchell	Jimmy Garner	Stan Mitchell	Jimmy Garner
Prayer	Rick Sharpe	Anthony Ravenell	David Poskevich	Dale Findley
Preside Lord's Supper	Tommy Chapman	James Walker	Brad Hopkins	Bobby Lawrence
Server	Mike Fields	David Riley	Mike Fields	David Riley
Server	Wade Foster	Jack Sorrell	Wade Foster	Jack Sorrell
Server	Michael Madison	Ben Rogers	Michael Madison	Ben Rogers
Server	Rory Bell, Jr	Jerry Riner	Rory Bell, Jr	Jerry Riner
Server	Thomas Quinn	Shirley Allender	Thomas Quinn	Shirley Allender
Server	Charles Nash	Steve Hopkins	Charles Nash	Steve Hopkins
Server	Jim O'Brien	Andy Johnson	Jim O'Brien	Andy Johnson
Server	Jerry Kendrix	Hugh Kelly	Jerry Kendrix	Hugh Kelly
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Graham McDonald	Joey Barkley	Dave Rogers
Response Elder	Greg Nash	Greg Nash	Greg Nash	Greg Nash
Announcements	Greg Nash	Greg Nash	Dave Rogers	Greg Nash
Shepherd's Prayer	Greg Nash	Jim Garner	Tom Durden	Jim Pelfrey
Evening Worship				
Announcements	Greg Nash	Greg Nash	Dave Rogers	Greg Nash
Song Leader	Stan Mitchell	Rory Bell	Coney Johnson, Jr	Stan Mitchell
Prayer	Lewis Armstrong	Larry Fields	Ken Fincher	Greg Curtis
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	Joey Barkley	Song Service
Lord's Supper	Ray Russell	Ron Biles	Dennis Ethridge	David Hopkins
Lord's Supper	Larry Rose	Keith Killingsworth	Stan Mitchell	Eric Hagen
Prayer	Bill Ruffer	Anthony Stinson	Paul Lyons	Michael Boelsterli

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2016 Goal - Evangelism**

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Andy Johnson
Paul Lyons
Stan Mitchell
David Poskevich
Anthony Ravenell
Jack Sorrell

**Assembly
Schedule:**

Sunday
9:00 am Bible Classes
10:00 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Worship Service

10:00 am Tuesday Morning
Bible Class
(September 11—May 14)

7:00 pm Wednesday Night
Bible Study

7:00 pm Thursday Night
Ladies Class
(September-May)

Communion Preparation

Denise Greene

Sept Linda Johnson

Nursery

28 Tara Johnson

Care of Building

16-31 Dennis Graham

1-15 Andy Johnson/Curtis Hurt

16-30 Shirley Allender/Ray Cozart

Ushers

28 David Hopkins/Harry Williams

Media Center Helpers

Aug 28 Brad Hopkins

Sept 4 & 11 Zeke Poskevich

Open Arms

28 Jessa Quinn, Martha Vickery,

Sally Wallace, Connie Kelly,

Linda Armstrong,

Tommy & Gail Chapman

Wednesday Evening Devotional

31 Jake Garner

Our Missionaries



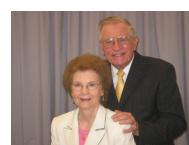
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September 2016

Evangelism

Response Elder - Greg Nash

"For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat." 2 Thessalonians 3:10

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