



**Elder Business Meeting Minutes**  
Monday, October 13, 5:30–8:30pm

**Attendance:**

- Hoke
- Stephen
- Tony
- Chris
- Joe

**Next Meetings:**

- **Community Meeting:** Monday, October 20, 6:30pm in High School Media Center
- **November Elder Meeting:** Monday, November 10, 6:00pm at Hoke’s house
- **December Elder Meeting:** Monday, December 1, 6:00pm at Hoke’s house
- **Special Business Meeting:** Monday, December 8, 6:30pm in High School Media Center
- **Annual Meeting:** Monday, January 5, 6:30–8pm in High school Media Center

**Discussion**

TIME	TOPIC	OBJECTIVES
	<p><b>Open in Prayer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hoke opened the meeting in prayer.</li> </ul>	Consecration and Dependence.
	<p><b>Devotional Reflection</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tony led a devotion on the importance of prayer.</li> </ul>	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Guarding (Prayer)</b></p> <p><b>Shepherding Checkups and Prayer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The team prayed for needs in the body.</li> </ul> <p><b>Shepherding Situation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The team discussed how to shepherd the church through a sensitive membership situation.</li> </ul>	Spiritual Oversight through Word, Prayer, and Administration.
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Guiding (Teaching)</b></p> <p><b>October 20 Special Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The team discussed agenda and logistics for the upcoming Special Meeting on October 20.</li> </ul> <p><b>Christmas Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The team discussed having the Christmas program immediately following the service on 12/21, with a Christmas cookie reception.</li> </ul> <p><b>Paternity Leave</b></p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elders approved two weeks of leave for a pastor whose wife has a baby.</li> </ul>	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Governing (Leading)</b></p> <p><b>Missions Support for 2026 Budget</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elders discussed giving support percentages for supported ministries for the 2026 budget.</li> </ul> <p><b>Setup Leader Tradeoff</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heath took over from Gregg officially.</li> </ul> <p><b>Safety Team Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tony meeting with safety team to talk about active shooter best practices.</li> </ul> <p><b>Membership Book</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read Leeman <i>Church Membership</i> (all) and <i>How to Build a Healthy Church</i> (chapters) by November 10 meeting so we can discuss a vision for membership.</li> </ul> <p><b>Coffee Team</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is a need for coffee team volunteers. Announce on Sunday. If no takers, we can do away with Coffee.</li> </ul> <p><b>Elder Email Reflection</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stephen will share with staff the elder email reflection to be added to the Friday email.</li> </ul> <p><b>Exiting Members</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The team discussed members how best to shepherd exiting members.</li> </ul> <p><b>Marriage Retreat</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The team approved covering the expenses for Charles Morgan to speak at the Marriage retreat.</li> </ul> <p><b>FYI Elevating Teen Girls Conference</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scheduling it for February. Desire to open it up to outside churches for an outreach opportunity.</li> </ul>	
8:15am	<p><b>Close in Prayer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The meeting was closed in prayer.</li> </ul>	

**Worship Opps Table**

Date	Opps
October 5th	PC



<b>Date</b>	<b>Opps</b>
October 12th	Hoke
October 19th	Stephen
October 26th	Tony
November 2nd	PC
November 9th (REALITY Conference)	Hoke
November 16th	Stephen
November 23	Tony
November 30	Hoke
December 7	Stephen
December 14	PC
December 21	Tony
December 28	

**LIAISON DUTIES**  
**(Goal to connect once/month)**

Women’s Ministry – (SC)  
 Men’s Ministry – (TD )  
 Student Ministry – (PC)  
 Adult Sunday School – (TD/SC)  
 Land/Building – (HB)  
 Financial Team – (JL)  
 Community Meeting – (Team)

Welcome Team/Connections Team – (JL)  
 Ushers/Greeters/Safety Team/Set/Up – (TD)  
 Children’s Ministry – (JL/HB)  
 Meals Ministry – (HB)  
 Local/Global Missions – (SC)  
 Worship – (SC)