



## About Eldership at LifeSpring

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Elders are nominated based on biblical qualifications, including spiritual maturity, character, and leadership. They are affirmed by the church annually and serve one-year terms.

If you are interested in learning more about eldership at LifeSpring, feel free to contact any of the current elders:

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## What does an elder do?

- **Model** a growing spiritual life and Christlike character
- **Pray** for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the congregation
- **Shepherd** the congregation with care and intentional leadership

### Shepherding includes:

- **Feeding:** Elders ensure that biblical teaching—full of grace and truth—is provided so God’s people are spiritually nourished.
- **Guiding:** Elders lead by relying on God’s Word and Spirit to teach, restore, correct, and equip believers for life.

- **Watching:** Elders oversee leaders and ministries, caring for members and guarding against spiritual drift.
- **Protecting:** Elders guard sound doctrine, protect against false teaching, and lovingly exercise restorative church discipline.
- **Oversee** the mission, vision, values, strategy, and key results of staffing, ministries, property and facilities, finances, and legal compliance.
- **Establish** policies to address recurring questions or concerns, hire paid staff, and approve volunteer workers.
- **Advise** individuals and the congregation during key issues, crises, and seasons of need.
- **Equip** believers for works of service in order to build up the body of Christ.

## What are the Scriptural qualifications?

**1 Timothy 3:1-7** “Here is a trustworthy saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task. Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money.

He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God’s church?). He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil’s trap.”

**Titus 1:6-9** “An elder must be blameless, the husband of but one wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient. Since an overseer is entrusted with God’s work, he must be blameless—not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain.

Rather he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.”



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