

## The Faithful Shepherd

I Thess. 5:12-13

Four Biblical Words used for Church Leaders

Presbuteros – Elder – Provides spiritual discernment

Poimaino – Shepherd/Pastor – Provides spiritual wellbeing

Episkopos – Overseer/Bishop – Provides spiritual accountability

Hygoumenois – Leader – Provides spiritual direction

Pastor/Shepherd definition – Guides and directs his flock in all aspects of their spiritual life. His wisdom, authority and oversight are founded upon his spiritual maturity which provides the spiritual discernment necessary to protect, provide for and lead his flock into a closer relationship with the Lord.

We respectfully acknowledge that Faithful...

1. Shepherds will diligently toil in the word among the flock.
  - a. The shepherd will preach and live the word for the Flock.
  - b. The shepherd will bear and care for the burdens of the Flock.
2. Shepherds will embrace the mantle of church leadership and authority.
  - a. Shepherds will own the responsibility for the directional decision making of the church.
  - b. Shepherds will own the responsibility for the spiritual and numerical growth of the church.
3. Shepherds will confront and correct error in the church.
  - a. Shepherds will confront and correct errant doctrinal beliefs and teachings and those who peddle them in the church.
  - b. Shepherds will confront and correct those who are morally rebellious.

We will choose to be at peace with one another.