

Orangewood's New Shepherding Model

Shifting from “Assignment” of Members to “Accessibility” of Elders – *“Shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily... with eagerness, not lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock.”* - I Peter 5:2-3

Your elders desire to do a better job of shepherding the flock at Orangewood in our hi-tech, low-touch world. To this end, we are changing our shepherding model from one that assigned members to a particular elder to one that makes all of them more visible to the entire body on Sunday morning and thus more accessible to members when they have a need or desire prayer.

They will seek to shepherd the body primarily through their regular attendance in a particular Age and Stage Equipping Center Community and a rotating schedule of their being available at the conclusion of each worship service. It is our hope to communicate to you via this model that our elders long to be more accessible to you on Sunday mornings when we gather and of course, they encourage you to call - any of them, at any time - when you have a concern, need, or prayer request.

Our elders serving as shepherds within these Age and Stage EC Communities:

Young Adults – Sid Cash and Shawn Tran

Parents of Kids – Greg Holzhauer, Scott Huber, Rich Rollason, Gary Stewart, and Gary Wilson

Parents of Teens – Steve Hatcher, Andy Lockhart, Bob Mauger, and John Smith

Parents of Collegians / Young Adults – Bob Baker, Mike Dwyer, Ken Kilbourne, Rick Lane, Bruce May, & Clark Reisinger

SALT – Marty Banzhaf and Doug Fleming

After our Worship Service: Each week two elders, on a monthly rotation, will be up front after the worship service for any member or visitor who has a need, a concern, and/or desires prayer at that moment. While you might not know all the men personally, know that all of them are committed to the spiritual wellbeing of our entire body and long to be of service to you, your family, or your friends who come with you to worship. Simply meet one of them up front, introduce yourself, and share what is on your heart. If you desire greater privacy, please let them know and they will take you to a quieter place where you can talk and they can pray with you.

During the week: If a pressing need arises during the week for which you desire immediate counsel, assistance, or prayer, or if you have a question or concern that is troubling you, please do not hesitate to contact any one of the elders whom you know from the list above. They want to be accessible to you in order to pray for you and to care for you in such a way that you are led ever closer to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls, our Lord Jesus Christ.