

## SHEPHERDING LEADERSHIP

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**I** DO NOT SEE MYSELF AS AN ACCOMPLISHED LEADER, but I have been called to lead Brooklyn Church for a time. My textbook for leadership over 30 years, apart from the Scriptures, has been Spiritual Leadership by J. Oswald Sanders. The elders and people who serve on the Deacon Board here are wonderful mature believers and it is a pleasure to lead them. I thought I'd share with you all some of my perspective on leading church leaders, a philosophy of leading.

A pastor must be a preacher of the Word, a shepherd of people, and a leader of the church that he is serving. Each of these assignments needs to be applied to the people who are leading with him. This becomes essential in seven areas as a pastor works with church leadership.

### Christ Centered Humility

Jesus modeled leadership for us. He rebuked his disciples when they failed to understand.

*But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. It is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."*

Matthew 20:25-28

Our Lord's example and instruction toward humility and serving others is the proper picture of leadership in the Kingdom of God. Jesus led His disciples into the truth and prayer by teaching and example. So, a pastor needs to teach and pray and serve. Galatians 5:22-23 lists for us the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. This is what church leadership needs from their pastor.

### Direction

This means that the Pastor needs to know where he is going and where he wants to take people. Some people think of this as "vision." But, in the Bible, vision means a message from God that His people or prophet sees. Vision is always about what God is saying. A pastor needs to listen to the Lord. Then he needs to figure out where he is going and how to get there.

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Thus the pastor needs to always be applying Biblical teaching to his goals and to the goals of the church he leads. This means devoting time to the Scriptures and prayer and doing this with others as well. Direction is not found in dreaming of success or a business plan but in prayer. It comes from God. This is different from the world's way, and the pastor needs to lead his people into experiencing God's direction and making good decisions.

### **Relationships**

In order to feel loved, people need to *be* loved. This applies to leaders, pastors, everyone. Love is not a fuzzy feeling but commitment, time together, listening, giving, and caring. A pastor needs to love his people. He needs to be a student of the people he leads so that he knows how they are thinking and feeling. He needs to understand them. They need to understand him. This is not easy. Relationships must grow and trust needs to be built over time. The pastor needs to be a careful listener and he has to ask questions. All significant Christian maturity takes place in the context of relationships.

### **Administration**

The pastor needs to be organized, manage his time, and give clear guidance to those who work with him. It is best if the tasks are well matched to the gifts and desires of the people working with him, but that is not always possible. Ultimately, leadership must work together as a team, helping one another. A certain level of organization is essential for both the pastor and those who are leading with him. They need to be able to make plans and carry out those plans and report on their progress. Regular meetings are essential, as is evaluation.

### **The Freedom to Fail**

Things will not always go well. The pastor will fail and do things poorly. Other leaders will fail and disappoint as well. All is not lost. We actually learn more from our failures than our successes. The goal is growing closer to Jesus. We need to be able to say to one another, "That didn't go well." And, then there needs to be a sense of safety and personal acceptance. Our worth is not bound up in our performance. People are more important than programs. If we realize this, the programs will go better.

### **Development**

The word "disciple" means "learner." It is essential that the pastor and other leaders in the church are always learning. This is what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. We learn from Him, from experiences, from one another. We need each other to learn.

This means that all of us are works in progress, on the path that God has set before us. God puts you in my life so that I can learn and He has put me in your life so that you can learn. This means that the pastor needs to be thinking about how different people need to develop. He needs to be helping each person to learn the lessons that God has for them. Moreover, it is certain that their development will need more than the pastor's input. Thus, it is important that the pastor be helping them to find books, training, other people, conferences that will fit their needs and be a help to them as they learn to follow Jesus.

### **Managing Conflict**

People will not always agree. When there is disagreement, consensus needs to be built as much as is possible. People need to see that love and cooperation is more important than winning. Jesus said, "They will know you are My disciples by your love for one another." (John 13:35) We love others, in part, by listening to them and not attacking them or their motives even when we disagree.

Leaders need to be instructed in how to handle conflict before it comes so that when it comes they are able to handle it in mature ways. When a pastor and the other leaders put a premium on forgiveness and peacemaking, it is then that a church can come together, even with differing perspectives, for the purpose of agreeing together to glorify God.

*Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment. 1 Corinthians 1:10*

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***Morgan Fahlberg***

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## *New Women's Bible Study*

beginning Tuesday, March 3rd at 6:30pm  
at the home of

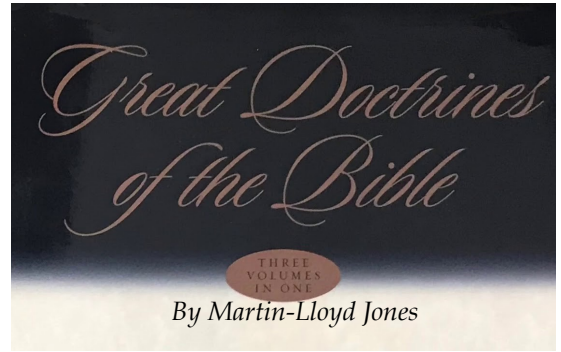
***Nancy Mochel***

Group leader will be Sue Evenson

Bethesda Coffee and Dessert Servers  
March 24, 2:00pm

Colleen Buss, Karen Erickson,  
Nancy Corwin  
Carolyn Fray and Joan Latendresse

Contact Jan Charrlin if you are unable to serve



We live in unprecedented times. An era which openly mocks God, flouts its sins, and rejects sound teaching. The late D. Martin Lloyd Jones expounded and defended the greatest doctrines of Christianity throughout his career. His writing is grounded in both Scripture and theological convictions of the Reformation and it is as powerful today as they ever were. It is essential that we think with clarity about doctrine with clarity because so much in our world-from the media to our schools-openly defies biblical truth.

If you've realized the urgency of establishing the doctrinal ground on which you stand, the chapters of this book will help you build that foundation. Lloyd-Jones clearly explains the character and ministries of each person of the trinity, as well as the Bible's teaching on the church, the afterlife, and end times. If you want to learn more about the great doctrines of the Bible but don't want to wade through lengthy academic works, here is a complete guide that will help you learn and integrate Christian doctrine with your daily life.

***Join us Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm  
as we begin this new study. Books are available  
from Pastor Mochel for \$35.***



# Hello March



sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
<b>1</b> 9a SS 10a Fellowship 10:30a Worship  6p Evening Study	<b>2</b>  6:30p VBS Meeting, Library	<b>3</b> 9:30a Mom's Play Group & Study 6:30p Women's Study, Mochel's 6:30p FH Reserve 7p Missions Committee Meeting	<b>4</b> 8a Homeschool 12p Library Study  6:30p AIC Youth 6:45p Bethesda Study	<b>5</b> 8:30a Pastor's Study Group 9:30a Women's Study  7:30p Men's Study	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  9:30-11:30a Baby Shower for Morgan Fahlberg
<b>8</b> 9a SS 10a Fellowship 10:30a Worship  <b>DST Begins</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 8a Homeschool 12p Library Study  6:30p AIC Youth 6:45p Bethesda Study	<b>12</b> 8:30a Pastor's Study Group 9:30a Women's Study  7:30p Men's Study	<b>13</b>  6:30p Homeschool Open House	<b>14</b>
Central District Conference, Des Moines						
<b>15</b> 9a SS 10a Fellowship 10:30a Worship  7p Pie Auction NorthStar Fund-raiser	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9:30a Mom's Play Group & Study  6:30p Women's Study, Mochel's 7p Deacon Board Meeting	<b>18</b> 8a Homeschool 12p Library Study  6:30p AIC Youth 6:45p Bethesda Study	<b>19</b> 8:30a Pastor's Study Group 9:30a Women's Study  <b>Spring Arrives!</b> 7:30p Men's Study	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9a SS 10a Fellowship 10:30a Worship  6p Evening Study	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> DTS, Sioux City  2p Coffee Servers at Bethesda	<b>25</b> 12p Library Study 1p Compassion Ministries  6:30p AIC Youth 6:45p Bethesda Study	<b>26</b> 8:30a Pastor's Study Group 9:30a Women's Study  7:30p Men's Study	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
HA Sportsman's Retreat						
<b>29</b> 9a SS 10a Fellowship 10:30a Worship  6p Evening Study	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 9:30a Mom's Play Group & Study  6:30p Women's Study, Mochel's				

## Birthdays:

1 Talisha Fahlberg  
 2 Allan Charrlin  
 3 Katie Mochel  
 5 Peter Fahlberg  
 6 Teresa Knutson  
 8 Sandra Carnes

9 Karl Leikvold  
 13 Rena VanHofwegen  
 19 Hannah Bird  
 23 Aaron Fader  
 28 Ellie Monen

## Anniversaries:

18 Shawn & Sandy Sheffield  
 29 Mark & Karla Bovill



# MARCH MINISTRY

## MARCH 1

AM: Acts 3:11-26  
Peter Preaches at the Temple  
PM: Great Doctrines of the Bible

## MARCH 8

AM: Acts 4:1-22, DST Begins  
Peter & John on Trial  
PM: No evening Study

## MARCH 15

AM: Acts 4:23-37  
Courage & Community  
PM: NorthStar Pie Auction

## MARCH 22

AM: Acts 5:1-16  
Ananias and Sapphira  
PM: Great Doctrines of the Bible

## MARCH 29

AM: Acts 5:17-26  
The Apostles Escape Prison  
PM: Great Doctrines of the Bible

Our Lord has written  
the promise of the  
resurrection,  
not in books alone,  
but in every leaf  
in spring-time.

- MARTIN LUTHER

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## MARCH - APRIL WORSHIP MINISTRY

DATE	GREETERS	NURSERY	STORY TIME	MUSIC/TESTIMONY	SCRIPTURE READER
3/1	Doug & Rita Adams	Barb Koth Emily Booth	Rachel Smith Andrew Bovill	John Fahlberg	Renae Hoffman
3/8	Mark & Karla Bovill	Nancy Mochel Dakota Buss	Nicole Wyatt Emily Booth	Missions Moment	Sandy Fahlberg
3/15	Allan & Jan Charrlin	Nicole Wyatt Jon DeLay	Sarah Wergin Ethan Bovill	Randy Schmidt	Marilyn Jensen
3/22	Chris & Michelle DeLay	Rita Adams Isabel DeLay	Lindsay Zylstra Owen Bovill	Testimony	Reid Jensen
3/29	Norman & Karen Erickson	Hannah Bird Payden Hoffman	Sandy Fahlberg Dakota Buss	Abigail/Ben Wergin	Barb Koth
4/5	Reid & Marilyn Jensen	Karla Bovill Sarah Hoffman	Marilyn Jensen Jon DeLay	Missions Moment	Robin Leikvold
4/12	Karl & Robin Leikvold	Michelle DeLay Emily Booth	Nancy Mochel Isabel DeLay	Nicole Wyatt	Allen Sveeggen
4/19	Dave & Marsha Nelson	Karen Erickson Dakota Buss	Rachel Smith Payden Hoffman	Testimony	Lindsay Zylstra
4/26	Allen Sveeggen	Vicki Fader Jon DeLay	Sarah Wergin Emily Booth	Lindsay Zylstra	Nicole Wyatt

MARCH

**Song Leader:** John Fahlberg  
**Sound:** Chris Smith  
**Keyboard:** Doreen Fahlberg  
**Ushers:** Allen Sveeggen, Shane Zylstra,  
Mark Bovill, Andy German

**Song Leader:** Peter Fahlberg  
**Sound Tech:** Ben Fahlberg  
**Keyboard:** Connie Twedt  
**Ushers:** Rob Dressen, Reid Jensen,  
Karl Leikvold, David Nelson

APRIL