



**Big Idea:** *As a sheep in God's flock, I FOLLOW in my church.*

**God calls pastors to \_\_\_\_\_ the flock**

*Ephesians 4:11-12*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the flock  
*1 Peter 5:1-2; Acts 20:28; 2 Timothy 3:16-17*

The perfecting tool for feeding is \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ the flock  
*1 Timothy 5:17; 1 Peter 5:2-3; Colossians 4:12*

The perfecting tool for leading is \_\_\_\_\_

**God calls the flock to \_\_\_\_\_ their shepherds**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ your pastors  
*1 Thessalonians 5:12*

2. \_\_\_\_\_ for your pastors

3. \_\_\_\_\_ your pastors  
*1 Timothy 5:17-18*

4. \_\_\_\_\_ your pastors  
*Hebrews 13:17*

5. \_\_\_\_\_ your pastors  
*1 Thessalonians 5:12-13*

6. \_\_\_\_\_ your pastors  
*1 Timothy 5:19*

7. Hold your pastors \_\_\_\_\_  
*1 Timothy 5:19-20; 1 Corinthians 4:1-2*

**Pledge 4:**

Because Oakland Heights Baptist Church is a flock, I pledge to be a member of the flock...

- *By opposing rebellion & promoting submission to the loving rule of the elders of the church as they remain faithful to the Word of God.*
- *By praying for God's power, wisdom, and protection on my pastors, their teaching, and their families.*
- *By embracing the vision of the church, not straying from it, and doing all I can to see it fulfilled.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Group Discussion:**

When you connect with your small group virtually, pray together, share from your personal devotions, encourage each other, and discuss the sermon. Consider these questions:

- What are the primary functions of a shepherd with his sheep? Which strikes you as needful for our church? For you personally?
- Why is it important for the flock to stay together? What are the particular dangers for a Christian in a time of isolation? What steps should you take to mitigate your risk?
- In what specific way is God challenging you in regards to your pastors?
- Read 1 Timothy 3:7. Explain the implications of the snare of the devil? Why would the devil want to snare pastors? Why is it important pastors to be of good report of them which are without (not part of the church)?
- Looking for ways to pray for your pastors? Read the following requests for prayers from Paul and describe how they relate to the needs of your pastors:
  - Colossians 4:2-4
  - Ephesians 6:18-20
  - 2 Thessalonians 3:1
  - Romans 15:30-32