



# Acts 20:28

*Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers ... (NKJV)*

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## The Main Thing

Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. Acts 20:28

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## Upcoming Events

**October 29th 5-8PM**

**Membership Class**

**October 30th 6:30 PM**

**Sectional Mens Rally**

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**Harvest Festival Community Outreach**

**The Month of November**

**ECHO Tushies and Toes Drive**

**November 2nd 6:30PM**

**New Life Center for Family Preservation Annual**

**Banquet and Auction**

**November 7th 7PM**

**Womens Coffee and Chocolate**

elder or pastor is to teach the Scriptures, to feed the flock. If he is not doing that, he is failing in his job, miserably. It is the truth that changes people. If the Scriptures are not being taught then people are not being changed. They are struggling in their own futile ways and nothing is being accomplished. So the primary job of elders and pastors is to set the whole counsel of God before the people.

They are to begin with themselves, says the apostle, i.e., they are to obey the truth which they themselves learn. This is where their authority comes from. It is only as they are obedient to the truth which they teach that they have any right to say anything to anyone else. Even the Lord Jesus operated on that basis. He said to his disciples on one occasion, "If I do not do the works of my Father, do not believe me..." (John 10:37). That is, if what I am doing is not in exact accord with what I am saying, then don't believe me!

Would you dare say that to your children? Or to your Sunday school class? Or to others who observe you as a Christian? "If what I am doing is not in line with what I teach, then don't believe me. I have no authority over you; I have no power over you." But if your actions are in accord with your teaching then power is inherent in that obedience.

So these pastors and elders are to begin with themselves, and to teach the Word. Their responsibility is to the Holy Spirit, not to the denomination, nor to the

**November 10th 6:30PM**  
**Harvest Veterans Dinner**  
**November 10th-12th**  
**Royal Rangers Round Up**

## Membership Class



**Sunday, October 29th 5-8 PM**

If you are interested in being a part of the Harvest family then the Membership Class is for you. Please sign up at the Information Desk quickly as space is limited to 25 people. Light refreshments will be served.

## Sectional Mens Rally



**Monday, October 30th at 6:30 PM**

**All of our men are invited to attend this months Mens Rally. The rally will be held at Calvary Church in Winter Haven, and the guest speaker will be Pastor Wayne Blackburn from Victory Church. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the service will follow.**

## Harvest Community Festival

congregation. It is the Spirit who has set them in that office and has equipped them with gifts. He who reads the heart is judging their lives, so it does not make any difference what anybody else thinks. They are responsible to follow the Holy Spirit in what he has given them to do.

Notice how he underscores the fact that theirs is a very precious ministry. It is to feed the church of the Lord. Nothing is more precious to God in all the world than the people of Christ, the body of Christ. The most valuable thing on earth, in God's sight, is his church. He gave himself for it, he loves it earnestly, "he purchased it with his own blood." Therefore it has highest priority in his schedule and emphasis. What concerns the church is the most important thing in the world today. I wish we could catch that picture as the apostle understood it.

The emphasis on teaching and obeying God's Word is critical to both private and public Christian witness. Are we instead trying to impress people with our credentials and skills? Do we need to reassess what is 'the main thing' in both our walk and our talk?

Father, how grateful I am for your Word. How graciously it teaches me, especially through the other members of the body. Please protect and encourage all those you have called to teach your word.

## **Harvest Veterans Dinner**



**Tuesday, October 31st 6-9 PM**

We are so excited about our upcoming Halloween Outreach. We will provide a safe and family friendly Halloween alternative. We are asking that our church family begin to start purchasing individually wrapped bags of candy and place them in the designated bins in the church foyer. If you would like to volunteer for this awesome outreach please contact Pastor Robbie.

## **ECHO'S Tushies and Toes Drive**



### **The Month of November**

The month of November is recognized as National Adoption Month and to celebrate we are hosting a collection of diapers, underwear and socks to provide foster care and adoptive families that are in need. Please place all items in the designated bins



**Friday, November 10th  
6:30PM**

All of our Harvest Veterans and their spouses are invited to this appreciation dinner. Please sign up at the Information Desk if you plan to attend. For more information contact Steve or Jen Kovacevic at [harvestveterans@gmail.com](mailto:harvestveterans@gmail.com).

### **Harvest Giving App**

**For IOS and Android Phones**

**We are happy to announce that we have a quick and secure tool that is available to us now for Giving. All you need to do is go to your App store on your phone and type in Harvest Assembly of God Lakeland, and download it for free right to your smart phone.**

## **Service Times**

Saturday  
7pm Adult Worship  
7 pm Embrace Children's Church

Sunday  
9 am Early Morning Worship  
9 am Christian Education  
11 am Mid Morning Worship  
11 am Harvest Kids Church  
11 am Special Needs Church  
6 pm Evening Worship

in the foyer.

## **New Life Center for Family Preservation Annual Banquet and Silent Auction**



**Thursday, November 2nd at 6:30 PM**

Join the New Lifer Center on Thursday, November 2nd at 6:30 pm for their annual banquet and silent auction. There will be live music, childcare and an uplifting message. There is no cost to attend. Please R.S.V.P. at the Information Desk by October 31st.

## **Womens Ministry Coffee and Chocolate**



**Tuesday, November 7th, 7 PM**

6 pm Student Ministries

Wednesday

7 pm Adult Worship

7 pm Girls Ministries and Royal Rangers

We look forward to seeing you!

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Ladies please join us for this months coffee and chocolate for a great time of fun and fellowship. Please bring a dessert to share and a friend. If you have any questions please contact Judi Cotignola at [judicotignola@yahoo.com](mailto:judicotignola@yahoo.com).

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