



Fellowship of Faith **ELDER (volunteer)** Ministry Description

*"Here is a trustworthy saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task."
(1 Timothy 3:1)*

Description: The Board of Elders assist the pastoral staff with the spiritual health and vision of the congregation as directed by the Senior Pastor. Elders are not an oversight body. Instead they serve under the Senior Pastor who is Head Elder.

While an Elder may be called on to carry out any number of ministerial functions, his or her main focus is on the individual: Reaching out, encouraging, discipling, reconciling, and helping someone who attends FOF connect with God and our church. Imagine that FOF is the Death Star. If our ministries constitute our large-scale, turbo laser defense, Elders are our TIE fighters. They engage each person, ship-to-ship, on a one-to-one scale. (If you don't know the reference, repent. Then watch the end of Star Wars Episode IV.)

Time Commitment: Elders serve a two-year term, starting January 1. Expect to serve ~two hours per week in addition to active FOF involvement. This includes:

1. Monthly meetings (typically 3rd Thursday evening of the month)
2. Personal contacts (prayer requests, welcomes, absentee outreach, Sunday engagement, etc.)
3. Elder team on Sundays (on duty about once/month)
4. Occasional e-meetings, leader huddles, reconciliation processes, and one-to-one discipling

Requirements: Active members of FOF 18 years of age or older who exemplify FOF's Membership Covenant, values, and expectations. Elders must live as devoted disciples of Jesus. Additionally:

1. Nomination and appointment
2. A desire to connect people more deeply to God and FOF
3. Spiritual leadership
4. Active support of FOF's vision and staff
5. Above reproach (per Biblical and FOF guidelines)

Contact: David Gaddini at pastor@fellowshipoffaith.org. If you're interested in serving, a detailed explanation of responsibilities, requirements, and the appointment process will be provided.

*Jesus said, "The son of man did not come to be served, but to serve..." (Mark 10:45).
Thanks for considering this important ministry!*

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