

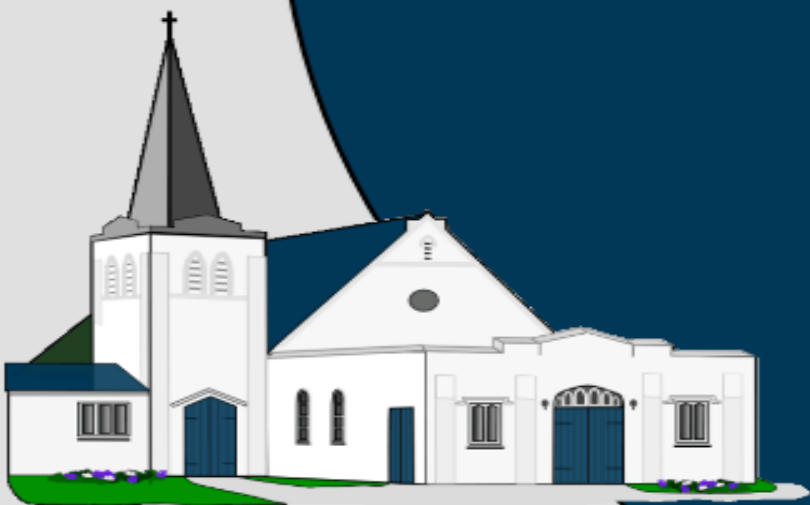
# Church and Ministry

Week 2b: The Office Redux



Warm up question

American Christianity is beginning to experience a shortage of pastors. Why do you think that is?



# As the Church Grows

Paul oversaw much of the growth of the early church, including the growth of a group of men who would be called pastors. Recognizing a need for leadership, he clarified this New Testament office in what the Holy Spirit gave him to write in his letters.

*Read Titus 1:5-9*

*What does this passage tell us about pastors?*



# Qualifications

Paul's letters give us a picture of ministry, often as a frame that shows us what the qualifications of a pastor are more than showing us the day to day operations of a pastor.

*Read 1 Timothy 3:1-7*

*What does this passage tell us about pastors?*



# Shepherd of the Flock

Peter was a great leader of the early church. As he writes to pastors, we get another sense of what a pastor is (and the use of the word for “pastor”: shepherd).

*Read 1 Peter 5:1-5*

*What does this passage tell us about pastors?*



# Preach

Throughout the New Testament, we see that pastors are to proclaim the Word of God to people.

*Read 2 Timothy 4:1-5*

*What does this passage tell us about pastors?*



# Ministry Models

Paul talks about ministry with the Ephesian elders (fellow pastors raised up by Paul).

*Read Acts 20:28-35*

*What does this passage tell us about pastors?*



# Next Time

Next week we will look into how one becomes a pastor.

