

# *From the Elders*

## **TASK FORCE IS AT WORK**

GLENWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST / MAY 2016

We thank you for your continuous prayers as we engage the important and challenging study before us. Anytime the church engages a topic of this importance, one which calls us to examine long-held beliefs, some anxiety is to be expected; nevertheless, we have been encouraged to see so many within our family approach this season with open minds and hearts, seeking to discern through prayer and study God's will for us in this time and place.

In our last correspondence, we were pleased to announce the members of the Glenwood task force: Bob & Katie Burnett (co-chairs), Richard Leard, Linda Holden, Brent Armstrong, Judy Anders, Mark & Sharon Richardson, Darrell & Rachel Welch, Nigel & Brianna Clark, and Melodye Phillips. As a reminder, the task force will not make any decisions about what roles women will or will not play in our worship assemblies. Rather, their commission is to design and help facilitate the process that Glenwood will follow in regard to how women might serve our family in the context of public worship.

During their first month of meetings, the team has already begun to form a prayer group, made up of Glenwood family members, who will pray regularly over this entire process. We, the elders, could not be more pleased that the task force has initiated our process with prayer!

The task force is committed to following the lead of God's Spirit in this process. They have set no timelines, but they are diligently praying, studying, and listening as they help us begin this important process.

As your shepherds, we are committed to bring you regular updates as the process unfolds. In the meantime, please join us in committing our family generally and the task force specifically to God in prayer.