

UPDATE FROM THE TASK FORCE

GLENWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST / JULY 2016

The Task Force felt it important to offer an update to the Glenwood family on the progress of the committee, in an attempt to communicate where we currently are, how we got here, and where we are heading in regard to the congregational study of women's role in public worship.

After the Elders' announcement in February, we were each asked to be part of the Task Force committee. Bob and Katie Burnett chair the Task Force, and members are Judy Anders, Brent Armstrong, Nigel & Brianna Clark, Linda Holden, Richard Leard, Melodye Phillips, Mark & Sharon Richardson, and Darrell & Rachel Welch.

We were charged with two responsibilities:

- 1) Design the process our congregation will follow as we study the role of women in public worship.
- 2) Help facilitate the process of the study.

First, we requested a Prayer Team be created to pray specifically for the Task Force and the Glenwood family. In June, the formation of the Prayer Team occurred and the members of the team were announced.

Next, we asked for a Curriculum Team to be formed and given the charge of developing a thorough study. The curriculum will include Bible study and possibly videos, guest speakers, and books for additional reading.

In an effort to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to participate in the study, time will be dedicated during selected Sunday morning Bible classes along with other avenues such as Wednesday evening presentations, taped sessions for review, and Connection Group discussions. Upon the conclusion of the church-wide study, there will be an opportunity for evaluation, discussion, and feedback from the congregation.

As stated in the April newsletter from the Elders, the Task Force will not make any decision about what women can or cannot do in public worship assemblies.

We ask that each of you continue to pray for the Task Force, Prayer Team, and Curriculum Team as well as for wisdom and discernment of God's direction for the Glenwood family.