

From the Elders

TIMELINE FOR OUR STUDY

GLENWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST / SEPTEMBER 2016

This fall Glenwood will launch our congregational study on women's roles in the worship assembly. The Task Force, Bible Study Team, and Prayer Team have engaged in much thought, conversation, planning and prayer to this component of our congregational discernment process. This is an intentional, structured, prayerful, and co-discerning process that focuses on the question of permitting women a wider role in our Sunday morning assembly. The study portion of this process will examine the various positions, biblical texts and interpretations that must be considered when discerning our congregational response to this important and often sensitive subject.

On Sunday, September 18, we invite everyone to come together for a combined class at 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center. During this class, Gene Branum, Dewayne Manning, Greg Grubb and Roger McCown will share their desires and vision for the study, offer their wisdom and encouragement on how to engage the process with prayer and spiritual maturity, and outline the schedule for upcoming classes and conversations.

As our first class approaches, we ask two things of you. First, please be in prayer for Gene, Dewayne, Greg and Roger. Pray for the Spirit to speak to us through them. Second, please commit now to engage the study with a prayerful, listening, and loving presence. Our continued prayer is that we will love one another, encourage each other, and learn how to seek God's will for us as a community of His people.

In Christian Love,

Your Shepherds

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- September 18**—"God Is Faithful," Glenwood Shepherds
(A one-day combined adult class in the Worship Center)
- October 9**— "What Is a Woman to Do? A Dialogue on the Public Roles of Women in the Church," Jeff Childers, via video presentation
(A combined adult class in the Worship Center)
- November 5–6**—"How to Study Women's Roles in the Church," Ken Cukrowski (A weekend seminar)
- January 8**— "From Patriarchalism to Feminism: Various Views of Women's Roles in the Church," Speakers: TBA
(A combined adult class in the Worship Center, followed by discussion groups on Sunday afternoon and Wednesday evening)
- January 15**—"Women and the Old Testament," Mark Hamilton
(A combined adult class in the Worship Center, followed by discussion groups on Sunday afternoon and Wednesday evening)
- January 22**—"Jesus and Women in the Gospels," John York
(A combined adult class in the Worship Center, followed by discussion groups on Sunday afternoon and Wednesday evening)
- January 29**—"Women's Roles and Paul's Letters," James Thompson
(A combined adult class in the Worship Center, followed by discussion groups on Sunday afternoon and Wednesday evening)