

Announcements

Sunday School – (Summer Break)

Partners In Prayer – Sundays, 9:15am

Church Council – Tuesday, **Aug 18**, 7:00pm

Spiritual Council – Tuesday, **Aug 18**, 8:00pm

PRAISE

Matthew Lebo's ablation was successful!

Diane Rice is very grateful to have completed her chemo treatments with minimal side effects. A huge thank you to those who checked on her every week. She feels very blessed.

PRAYER

Jill Bleam – Healing for a fractured humerus bone in her right arm. She has an orthopedic appt on Monday

Perry Rotenberger – healing from extensive neck/disk surgery on Monday. He will have limited mobility for 6 months.

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“Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go through them and I will praise the Lord.” Psalm 118:19

August 9, 2026

Songs:

- ❖ 492 At Calvary
- ❖ 510 Heaven Came Down
- ❖ 508 Love Lifted Me
- ❖ 499 I Will Sing the Wondrous Story
- ❖ 478 Have You Any Room for Jesus

How a Church is Governed and, Why it Matters

Church Polity as an aid to discipleship

Episcopalian: Greek: “Episkopos” Bishop, Overseer, Pastor, Elder

Presbyterian: Greek: “Presbyteros” Elder, Ruling Body

Congregational: An organized body of believers

NOTE: The way a church is governed and what it believes are separate issues.

The Congregational church has full responsibility in matters of:

- Theology/doctrine
- Teaching and discipling
- Disputes and Discipline
- All matters of worship

The Congregation handles sin in the church:

Matthew 18:15-17

(Deuteronomy 19:15)

In the Congregation Led Church, every member is critical

The Congregation handles division in the church:

Act 6 1-7

(Deacons)

In the Congregation Led church, all members participate

The Congregation must be pure before God:

1 Corinthians 3:16-17

1 Corinthians 5:9-12

Do not associate with “so-called Christians” who continually commits grievous sin.

The Congregational Church must manage its own affairs with Biblical Integrity:

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

The Congregation-Led church as a whole is the final court of appeal in all internal matters.

The church must determine its guiding Theology and doctrine and must hold to it with full integrity:

Galatians 1:6-10

All MEMBERS must be in full alignment with this doctrine.

Not only is the church competent to judge what claims to be the gospel, but that they must do it!

Paul warns that every church must be on guard against error:

2 Timothy 4:3

In the congregation led church, all members participate fully.

The New Testament gives evidence for Congregational Polity:

- Disputes between Christians,
- In matters of doctrine,
- In matters of discipline,
- In matters of church membership, and
- In matters of the Scriptural integrity of the teaching in the church.

2 Timothy 4:3

“Congregation Led” does not mean “INFALLIBLE.”