

ELDER MEETING MINUTES

August 20, 2026

Present:

Elders: Jon Singley, Mike Lipsey, and Blair Bassett

Elder Advisors: Karen Stothers and Tanya Martinez

Absent: Chris Tenny and David Belgum

The meeting began at 6:05 pm with Jon opening with the reading of a Psalm and prayer.

1. Prayer – Shared praise/requests for the body and each other, and then prayed.
2. From Genesis to Junia by Preston Sprinkle,
 - Jon discussed agenda for Sunday, 8/23, 2PM to 5PM at Singley's house
 - Tom Schreiner's wrote a rebuttal review that Jon will send to us to also read
3. Update on Strategic Plan
 - Tanya gave a very brief update in Chris absence
 - Vision and Values meeting with Mark Mitchel; Chris still working on scheduling
4. Deacon Update – Tanya
 - Still getting organized and establishing new meeting norms and roles
 - Bernie has jumped in and helped out a lot already
 - Two additional candidates are pending a decision.
5. Elder Advisors – Blair
 - Discussed an initial draft of the criteria, purpose, role, and an onboarding checklist, which originated from Angie Chadwell with additional input from Karen, David, and Blair.
 - Others provided feedback, including the possibility of revising the term and rotation timing to allow for overlapping advisors for continuity.
6. Discussed developing a policy on sharing church contact info for data privacy reasons
7. Discussed the changes made on the website for Formation Groups
8. Action Items:
 - We agreed that action items should be a standard part of the scribe's minutes and the agenda at each meeting moving forward.

Karen closed in prayer at 8:22pm