

ELDER MEETING MINUTES

August 6, 2026

Present:

Elders: Jon Singley, Mike Lipsey, and Chris Tenny; with Blair Bassett attending by phone

Elder Advisor: Karen Stothers

Absent: David Belgum and Tanya Martinez

The meeting began at 6:09pm with Jon opening in prayer.

1. Something to Consider - Jon
 - Jon, Chris and Mike reflected on a Westgate South Hills session with Steve Cuss (from Capable Life) that they attended that morning with others from staff.
2. Prayer – Shared praise/requests for the body and each other, and then prayed.
3. Minutes review/approval:
 - 6/4 and 6/18 meeting minutes: Jon motioned to formally approve, Chris seconded, then Mike and Blair agreed.
4. Discussed feedback from Elder Update the previous Sunday, 8/2
5. Chris Sabbatical
 - Chris shared his and Cassie's ideas regarding how to spend the time, when, and for how long.
 - Jon proposed we discuss this again during the October 15th meeting.
6. Clarifying vision and values : Mark Mitchell
 - Chris has spoken with him and they are working on scope, duration, and dates.
 - Chris to follow-up in email to the broader team to propose date(s).
7. Deacon's update: received from Tanya via email prior to the meeting:
 - Three additional candidates have been asked. One declined and two others are still considering, pending further discussions.
8. Sharing/discussion of book – Genesis to Junia – Chapters 3,4
 - We ran out of time to have a full discussion on the designated chapters.
 - Jon proposed finding 3 hours on a weekend to discuss the whole book.
 - We agreed to August 23rd. 2pm to 5pm at the Singleys, pending confirmation that David and Tanya can also attend.

Blair closed in prayer at 8:39pm

Business deferred to the next meeting:

- Financial Update – Mike and David
- Elder and Advisory Council Document – onboarding and rotation schedule – Blair