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How long have you been a member of KC? (Include years prior to dissolution from UMC)

24 years

Over the past 6 months, which of the following spiritual growth groups have you attended regularly? Sunday School, Bible Study, WOW Wings of Worship, Sunday Service - list any others.

Sunday school, Sunday service, men's Bible study

Please share your personal testimony.

I grew up in Kennonsburg church as a young child. I accepted Christ and was baptized at a young age. As I grew, around the time I started college, I slowly stopped attending church. I had faith, but I never put my faith into practice. Sunday became another day off work to do what I wanted to do. I met my wife in 2013, and she studied Scripture daily as her and her father always did. However, she was not brought up in church, just studying scripture. I had church background, but I had never read the Bible. My wife was a witness to me, and as she studies, she would ask me questions about what I thought what she was studying meant. This continued throughout our relationship, and into our marriage, but yet, I still never took time to read and study on my own. In the fall of 2021, a good friend of mine who attended KC regularly with his family became ill with pneumonia followed by COVID 19. Jimmy Olden was his name, and he was put on a ventilator in late 2021 and passed in February 2022. During that time, I prayed like I never prayed before, I prayed for a miracle healing. I finally opened my Bible and started reading. After Jimmy passed, Whitney and I were ready to start looking for a church to attend. We were all set to go to a church with my parents, however, I told my wife that we needed to attend Kennonsburg Church that Sunday to be there to support Jimmy's family. We went, and we never stopped. Instead we felt the call to teach adult Sunday school on end time prophecy and the book of revelation. Which only dove me deeper into God's Word. I needed to understand if I was to help teach. I rededicated my life to Christ in 2022, and was re-baptized in 2025 as a dedication to the service of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Please describe your previous leadership experience: (Include secular, professional and previous church leadership.)

Chairman of Noble County Ducks unlimited, KC transition team, KC Deacon. Adult Sunday school teacher, 2 years leading weeknight worship service, bass pro shops outdoor ministry lead.

I am interested in serving as Elder, because:

I believe that God has a vision for the future of Kennonsburg church to continue to be a place where His children can meet and grow together. A place that allows the light of Jesus Christ to shine as a beacon to the community. A place where we can worship God for who He is and what He has provided for us to steward. A place where lost souls can find truth in a loving atmosphere. A place where we can all come together as the family of God through being the body of Jesus Christ, working together to fulfill His will on earth.

What specific Scripture regarding your potential service as Elder resonates best with your soul, and what areas of scripture challenge your spirit?

1 Peter 5 1-4 resonates with me. James 3:1 challenges my spirit. I want to ensure that leading by example means that I am setting a good example for others to follow. In service and in teaching I want to reflect the love and light of Christ in a way that glorifies the Father.

In accordance with Mark 10:42-25 and Ephesians 4 regarding servant leadership and unity in the church, how would you bring the congregation and the church leadership together to make decisions for the good of the church? Be specific.

First, I believe the Gods Word contains everything that we need to operate as a church body. With that being said, all the answers needed to lead and guide the church as Christ would have us do, are contained in the scriptures for us to search out and learn from. Mark 10 teaches us to not exercise authority over others, but rather to serve serve others. That s servitude transfers over to Ephesians 4 as we endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:11-16 tells us how to achieve this unity. We are to teach, train and equip others in the giftings of Christ until we all come to the unity of the faith. I believe it is the elders role to ensure that we are doing this to fulfill God's will for the church at kennonsburg as well as the church overall. Any decision we make must reflect the mission and purpose of the church as a whole, the Great Commission. Filtering decisions through this lens will help us make the best decisions to support the ministries of Christ through kennonsburg church, now and into the future.

What areas of responsibility will you excel at? Give examples.

Teaching, training and equipping others in the service of the body. Helping others to understand their unique gifting in the church and how to live and walk in that gifting. Also, I have spent much time counseling others as they are going through a trial or working to understand themselves, and how to overcome frustrations they may have as they learn and grow in Christ. I know that there are decisions and things that will need to be made generally as we maintain our facility, and those will be practical decisions based on the need, however my heart is towards the people of the church. I feel that the Lord has placed me here at this time, and has been equipping me to help equip others at Kennonsburg church through the power of His Holy Spirit to become what God has already prepared Kennonsburg church to be. the steps have been ordered by the Lord, the works have been prepared long ago, we need only to trust Him and move forward in what He already has been preparing.

What areas of responsibility will be the most challenging for you? How do you plan to overcome these challenges?

To be honest, all of it will be most challenging for me. I am a hands on kind of person, and I plan to be a hands on person even if serving as an elder. Scripture says we are to lead by example, to me, that means be an example through what God has gifted me to be within the body of His church. The only way I can overcome the challenges that I face in my lack of experience is to lean on the Holy Ghost for guidance. He has never failed me and I believe that if I keep my focus on His Word and His will, then He will help me to navigate as I serve His people at KC. 1 Peter 4:10-11

As an Elder and being responsible for the spiritual welfare of the church, how would you describe your personal prayer life, faith relationship, Spiritual gifts and other skills.

Well, my prayer life is best described as a continual "open line" communication with God. I work a full time job, I am a father, a husband and a minister of God's Word wherever I am sent by the Lord. I wake up in the morning and usually before I roll out of bed, my thoughts have went to scripture. I drive 35 minutes to work, and that is time to talk with God, or more often, listen to Him. Everywhere I go, everyone I talk to is a mission field. This keeps me focused on God's will that non should perish, but that all would come to repentance. As I see prayer needs through the prayer chain, I lift them up on the spot. Other prayer requests come off and on throughout the day from different directions, so I lift those up as well as they come. I have a very close faith relationship with the Father and His Word. As a son, I want to please my father, and that's how I try to walk every day, tho I make plenty of mistakes and I'm sure I will continue to make mistakes. But, those mistakes

help me to grow and learn lessons to be a better son whose character can better reflect my Father's character. We all make mistakes, yet Ephesians 4:2 tells us to make allowance for each other's faults because of our love. If God loved us while we were yet sinners, and sent Christ to die for us surely we can love one another, even in our faults. spiritual gifts are prophecy, teaching, knowledge and exhortation. Throughout my faith walk, I have been graced by God to operate in each of these giftings as well as others, as needed, but these definitely stand out.

What excites you about the potential opportunity to serve as Elder?

The opportunity to see the Holy Spirit work in others' lives and through Kennonsburg church as a family. I believe that God has plans for KC and I am excited to see what they are and how I can come alongside others as He guides us on that path.

If a member of the church brought a concern or a recommendation to the Elder Board that you totally disagreed with, how would you handle that?

First, any personal feelings I might have must be taken out of the way. Everything must be addressed impartially. I stick to what the Bible teaches, so if I strongly disagree with something, there must be a basis for that disagreement. If it's not rooted in the Word, then I have allowed my preferences to get in the way and need to correct my actions. However, if the concern or recommendation fits within the framework of the mission of Jesus Christ, then why would I disagree with it in the first place? We have a mission and a vision at Kennonsburg Church and I believe that they line up well with scripture. If something is causing a concern, we must address it openly and lovingly. If a recommendation is brought, we must ensure that the recommendation makes sense to do according to the mission and vision of the church. No matter what is brought to the table, everything should be done in love and through prayer.

How would you reach out to members that have left the church?

I would love to have a conversation with anyone who leaves the church. A good conversation might just reveal an issue that needs to be addressed in the church. Are we lacking in something, or maybe it's just that someone felt the Lord say that it was time to move on. In either case, I would seek to have a conversation and see what the root cause was for them to make that decision.

Would an Elder Board of males and females affect your ability to fulfill your duties as an elder? Please explain why or why not.

No, it would not affect my ability at all. I serve God first and foremost. My aim is to please Him serving as an elder of the church is only a role within my servitude to Him, therefore, whomever I serve with, male or female has no effect on how I serve Him. We are all one in Christ, and as elders, we should be spiritually mature enough to serve regardless of our gender.

Do you feel that you are a good listener and approachable?

Yes, i am always open to talk with someone. I genuinely want to know what is on people's minds. And I am not one to condemn someone for their thoughts on something. Most people listen to respond, which means they don't fully hear what's being said. Proverbs 18:13 tells us not to do this, but rather we should listen intently so we can respond accordingly.

Have you served as a deacon? If so, how long? How did that experience lead you to accept a nomination as Elder?

Yes, I've served as a deacon for just over a year. I'm not sure that it lead me to accept a nomination as an elder. To be honest, I never sought to become a deacon. However, in prayer I was directed to accept the nomination. It's the same with accepting the elder nomination. It was not even on my radar, and I wrestled the Lord about it for a few days before accepting the nomination. As far as I'm concerned with just about everything in my life, it's not mine, but your will be done Lord.

How would you improve communication and transparency with the congregation?

One thing I would like to see is to just hold an open forum for questions and answers periodically to help foster relationships. Something informal, maybe share a meal and allow open questions and conversation. I think it would help keep things transparent and maintain a trusting relationship between elders and the membership.

How do you spiritually prepare for challenges or conflicts?

Well, we should always be fully armoured and prepared for conflicts. I work in a spiritually hostile environment, and engage in many conversations with non believers and atheists alike. We are called to be prepared at all times. I pray a lot about making sure that whatever the situation is, that the Holy Spirit takes control of the situation. Conflicts are going to come, but it's how we get through the conflicts that will either strengthen us or break us. We should always take on a conflict with grace, love and truth at the center. The Bible tells us to be vigilant because our enemy the devil prowls like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. Being vigilant means never letting down our guard!