

Series: Church Leadership (Part 4)

Sermon: His Way Here

Passage: various

Image:

Need: The local church in every age must hold strong to Biblical principles and God's design for church authority & leadership but also must adjust forms to meet cultural needs.

I. His way expressed in history (see power point)

- Episcopal Form
- Presbyterian Form
- Congregational Form

II. His way expressed at Oasis Church

- Lead Pastor - the primary visionary elder & Biblical/theological teacher.
- Elders - work along side the Lead Pastor (as the Board of Directors) to direct the ministry both physically & spiritually.
 - i. Chosen as a candidate by the elders (unanimously).
 - ii. Proven by the body and confirmed by the elders (unanimously).
 - iii. Installed by the body through the elders to service (ordained).
- Trustees - temporarily fill the role of an elder at the request of the elders.
- Pastors, directors, etc. - provide leadership and oversight to specific areas of the ministry.
- Deacons - assist the elders in certain areas of ministry needs at their request for a specified amount of time.
- Membership - the body of informed & engaged partners in ministry who seek to follow godly leadership in fulfilling God's call to Reach & Teach.

III. His way everywhere (Phil. 1:27-2:8; **3:17**)

- Leaders model unity.
- Leaders model humility.
- Leaders model commitment/consistency (to Jesus, to scripture, to the gospel, to the local church, to one another).
- Leaders model holiness.
- Leaders model bravery/courage.
- Leaders model selflessness.
- Leaders model servanthood.
- Leaders model sacrifice.

IV. Some Applicational Consideration:

- All church leadership structures are flawed/limited.
- Follow leaders who follow Jesus.