

The Lakeland Hills Leader

Lakeland Hills church of Christ

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

9:00 AM Bible Study
9:50 AM Worship
6:00 PM Worship

Wednesday

7:00 PM Bible Study

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Elders

Bob Marshall
Leon Miller
Larry Wisdom

Deacons

Bucky Day
Sherman Johnson
Michael Sadler
David Williams

"Dissolution and Merging Together"

from the Elders

You may have heard that there is a push in the Lakeland area to dissolve two or more congregations and form one larger congregation. It is argued that a larger congregation would provide more elders, more deacons, more Bible class teachers, more doers, more children, better classes, better worship, and more resources to carry out the work of the Lord. There was a social event Saturday Nov. 5th where the idea was put forth to those who chose to attend. A flyer was presented with both positives and negatives to carrying out this idea.

Some of the negatives center around physical inconveniences. But of greater importance are the spiritual problems that could develop due to such a change.

We have a strong congregation at Lakeland Hills with elders, deacons and a mix of different age groups. We are self-supporting, able to support preachers in other areas, have a building that is situated in a good area with room to accommodate growth, have always stood for Truth, are conservative in our approach and interpretation of scripture, and have always sought evangelists with a like mindset towards God's Word and his work.

We, as elders at Lakeland Hills Blvd, realize both the positives and the negatives of dissolution and merging of different congregations to form a larger group. The greatest negative would be the dissolving of the elderships. All congregations need leadership. To create a larger congregation and, at the same time, dissolve the leadership would create its own problems. Strong personalities would rule regardless of qualifications or the lack thereof.

With this dissolution would be the possibility of moving the congregation in the wrong direction. Anyone who visits congregations in other areas of the country sees that there is a trend towards a looser interpretation of scripture. This could potentially result in bringing those with that mindset into the congregation, which will eventually lead the congregation away from the truth and, little by little, lead the congregation into apostasy.

The responsibility of this eldership at Lakeland Hills is the spiritual welfare of this congregation. Looking at the possibility of leading the congregation in the wrong direction, and the problems that would be associated with merging multiple congregations, the elders see no reason to dissolve a strong congregation here in order to accommodate physical growth at the expense of spiritual setbacks that would result to the membership.

However, any person or family who shares our conservative principles and understanding of scripture, who will work under the current eldership, meet with us in this place and join us in the work here are welcome to come worship with us.

May we all pray for the church in this area to remain strong, to be salt and light, to stand firm for the Truth, and to grow in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

My Help Comes from the Lord – Psalm 121:1-8

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.