

Sunday

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Midweek Service	7:00 p.m.
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And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7

Please Pray For

Hospital

Ron Roberts' Wife's Cousin, Michael
Wayne Patrick's Friend's Brother, Jerry

Home

Margaret Greear
Bill Trantham
Rebecca Cooper
Ann Parkham
Travis Cooper
Ray Goniwika
Marvin Wilson
Terry Sheldrake
Cheryl Gibbs' Grandkids Tyler&Addison
Jim Ashby's Nephew, Brandon
Flo Ruttan's Cousin, Dominic
Travis Cooper's Cousin, Richard
Wendy Patterson's Friend, Missy
Virginia Cooper's Friend, Roxy
Tamlyn Humphreys' BIL, Jason
Wayne Patrick's Sister in Law, Tannah
Matt Brooks' Dad, Bill Brooks
Hillard's Grandson, Sam
Wayne Patrick's Friend, Bonnie
Terri Patrick's Sister in Law, Judy
Jim Ashby's Friend, Lincia
Chris Cooper's Nephew, Jeremiah
Sheldrake's Daughter, Angie

Other

Our Church
Unsaved Loved Ones
Our Country/Our Military

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Missionary Of The Week

Bob Jones

Our Nation, Leaders

& Medical Staff
Connie Beebe's Gr-son's Wife,
Kristie, PA

Our Nurses

Christopher Brooks
Samantha Brooks
Tamlyn Humphreys
Lauren Roberts
Amanda Ruttan
Amber & Patrick Solon
Ralph&Elsie's Gr-dau Leslie
Graff's Daughter Shawn
Trantham's Gr-dau, Amber
Richard Gibbs Gr-dau, Kayla

A growing church is always in transition. From building programs to classroom changes to staff adjustments to schedule flexes to responsibility changes to added ministries, a growing church must constantly prepare for the transitions that come with growth.

Transitions aren't always easy. Generally speaking, transitions that involve people and relationships are more difficult than those that simply involve facilities and schedules. Nevertheless, a growing church must learn to adapt through transition.

For the pastor, this means leading the church family through the transition.

For the church staff, this means supporting the pastor as he makes needed adjustments.

For the church family, this means being flexible and remembering that transition is part of the growth process.

Ministry transitions were common in Scripture. Some were incredibly beneficial and wisely handled. Some were disastrous and poorly planned for. But one of the great moments of transition occurred when Moses passed the mantle of leadership to Joshua.

Through this particular transition, I noticed five aspects of wisely leading a church through transition. In my twenty-six years of pastoring, each one of these actions below are essential for both the pastor and the church staff to embrace.

1. Allow God to work.

Moses really wanted to lead the people into the Promised Land, and Joshua probably would have been happiest to support Moses as he lead the way. But God had a plan that was bigger than either of them could see, and it required that they allow God to work through the transition.

In my earliest years as a pastor, I had a tendency to work so hard to smooth out transitions and guide people through them that it became frustrating to others. Through the years, I've had to learn to allow God to work in every heart. Even when I'm not working, God is. Even in difficult changes, Romans 8:28 is still true.

Jesus loves the church far more than we do! We must trust that He is sovereign over the church, and we must give Him room to work.

Before we take any further step to guide a church through transition, we must step back and commit the matter to the Lord. God is greater than I am, and He has a plan for His church. Sometimes transition is a part of God molding us.

One word of caution, however: The more we complain and gossip through transition, the less God can work. Getting carried away with the "what if's?" and "why me's?" can be a sign of operating from the flesh. As spiritual leaders and mature Christians, we need to remember that God is in charge. The gold standard of the Christian life is the sovereignty of God.

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Sincere Christian Sympathy

So much can be said of Sister Elsie Roberts, yet not enough. Her love, devotion, faithfulness and loyalty to God, her family and here, the Lord's Church, will continue on as we remember the legacy of who Elsie Roberts was and is in Christ.

Please pray for the Roberts Family in their loss.