

## Nov. 2025 Eldership Class – Final Outline and Teaching Material

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1. [3-Week Class Outline](#)
2. [Week 1 Instructor Reference](#)

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Brothers,

At our Elder Meeting last night, we discussed the upcoming **Church Leadership (Eldership) Class** at McKnight. Attached are the supporting documents for review and teaching preparation:

1. **3-Week Class Outline** – High-level outline showing weekly focus, teachers, and flow of content
2. **Week 1 Instructor Reference** – Detailed background material for Andrew Owens and Steve Awtrey to draw from as they prepare the first class

### Purpose and Approach

This 3-week series is designed to provide both biblical and practical understanding of church leadership—what Scripture says about eldership, how McKnight applies those principles, and how the congregation can engage as we prepare future leaders.

To keep the class focused and accessible, we agreed on the following:

- **Teachers:** Steve Awtrey and Andrew Owens will teach Week 1; Steve Awtrey and Don Fitzgerald will teach Weeks 2 and 3.
- **Q&A:** Only questions submitted in advance will be addressed during class. We'll avoid open-mic sessions to ensure clarity and order.

- **Congregational Timing:** Some topics may introduce new perspectives, so we'll allow time for reflection before announcing next steps regarding potential elders.
- **Recording:** Classes will be recorded for internal use only (not for public posting).

### Class Schedule

Week 1	November 9 <i>The Forest: God's Design for His Church</i>	Andrew Owens & Steve Awtrey
Week 2	November 16 <i>The Trees: The Role of an Elder at McKnight</i>	Steve Awtrey &/or Don Fitzgerald
Week 3	November 23 <i>The Fruit: Becoming and Supporting Elders</i>	Steve Awtrey &/or Don Fitzgerald
Congregational Mtg.	December 7	all

The attached has been approved as final during our meeting last night so let's move forward with unity and confidence in both content and delivery.

If you have suggested refinements or concerns, share them soon so adjustments can be made before the first class on **November 9**.

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