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Heeding The Call of Pastoring The Lord's Flock

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach; except they be sent? (Romans 10:13-15)

"A Charge to Keep I Have"

- A Charge to keep I have, A God to glorify, Who gave His Son my soul to save, And fit it for the sky.
- To serve the present age, My calling to fulfill, O may it all my powers engage, To do my Master's will.
- Arm me with jealous care, As in Thy sight to live, And O Thy servant, Lord, prepare A strict account to give.
- Help me to watch and pray, And on Thyself rely, By faith assured I will obey, For I shall never die.

AMEN.

- Charles Wesley

On this Glorious Lord's Day, we greet you in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Risen Savior. To all the members of Union, pastors and guest churches who have fellowshipped with Union this week, and to our very special guest today, we sincerely "Thank You" for your many expressions of love and prayers extended to me and my family during this 28th Pastoral Appreciation Observance. We truly want to acknowledge the General Co-Chairs Rev. Barry and Sis. Kesha Hixson, Jr.; the General Assistant Co-Chairs, Bro. Russell and Sis. Shelia Tennyson; and the 2016 Pastor's Appreciation Committee for your leadership and your unselfish labor of love and sacrifice in planning this week's activities and worship experiences. "To God Be the Glory, Great Things He has Done!!"

In his book, *Rediscovering Biblical Pastoral Ministry*, Dr. John McArthur, Jr. writes the following: God has given several defining passages explaining who a pastor is to be and what a pastor is to do (e.g. 1Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:6-9; 1 Peter 5:1-5). But perhaps the most explicit books in the New Testament regarding the work of the ministry are I and II Thessalonians. A careful analysis of these Pastoral Epistles leads to this basic ministry description.

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:18 - 20





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A pastor's primary activities include:

- 1. **Praying** I Thessalonians 1:2-3; 3:9-13
- 2. **Evangelizing** I Thessalonians 1:4-5; 9-10
- 3. **Equipping** I Thessalonians 1:6-8
- 4. **Defending** I Thessalonians 2:1-6
- 5. Loving I Thessalonians 2:7-8
- 6. Laboring I Thessalonians 2:9
- 7. **Modeling** I Thessalonians 1:1-10
- 8. Leading I Thessalonians 2:10-12
- 9. **Feeding** I Thessalonians 2:13
- 10. Watching I Thessalonians 3:1-8
- 11. Warning I Thessalonians 4:1-8
- 12. **Teaching** I Thessalonians 4:9-5, 11
- 13. **Exhorting** I Thessalonians 5:12-14
- 14. **Encouraging** II Thessalonians 1:3-12
- 15. **Correcting** II Thessalonians 2:1-12
- 16. **Confronting** II Thessalonians 3:6, 14
- 17.**Rescuing**II Thessalonians 3:15

The Hymnist Dr. Isaac Watts in understanding the Gospel Ministry and the words recorded by the Apostle Paul in Romans 10:13-15, was inspired to write the following blessed hymn centuries ago that I love and which summarizes the call.

"Go Preach My Gospel," Saith the Lord!

- Go, preach My gospel," saith the Lord; "Bid the whole earth"...My grace receives: He shall be saved that trusts My word, And he condemned who'll not believe.
- J I'll make your great commission known; and ye shall prove....My gospel true By all the works that I have done, by all the wonders ye shall do.
- Teach all the nations My commands; I'm with you till...the world shall end; all pow'r is trusted in My hands: I can destroy and I defend."
- He spake, and light shone round His head; On a bright cloud...to heav'n He rode: they to the farthest nations spread The grace of their ascended God. AMEN.

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