## **ELDER'S REPORT 2023**

Once again another year has come and gone and now is the time to reflect on the goodness of our God. He has abundantly blessed us this year as always. This report is to help us understand and be aware of some of the goings on behind the scenes. I might add that you will notice many reports seem to overlap. There is a reason for that, we like to identify as a leadership team. The Pastors, Elders, Trustees and Deacons are all here to serve you with one common goal, to meet our members' needs and in doing so giving glory to God. We, as Elders, try to make decisions that will better meet the needs of the congregation as a whole. In that process changes occur, most received well, some not so much. Be very certain though, every person that walks through our doors is precious to us. Everyone!

The Elders have been involved in decisions to buy a new van, the old pavilion removal, reviewing our constitution and by-laws and recommending changes. We work alongside the Pastors to bring new material for our Sunday School programs, both kids and adults.

We made a choice to put our kids' musical on hold for now in order to pour our attention to a full blown kids church and to have all the kids available to attend. We have launched this on the first Sunday of the month this year to give it a trial run. So far it seems to be doing quite well.

We are also involved in leading our membership classes and other Sundy programs. We resurrected the "God Stories" this past summer and I must say all those giving testimony did an outstanding job.It was a time to learn a little more about those we fellowship with.

Some of us helped to cook for the Elim BBQ in Aug. right here under our pavilion. A great time had by all.

As stated earlier we are involved in the financial decisions being made and you can read more about that in the Trustee report..

One of our greatest privileges is to lift our members in prayer. So, if you have any concerns please approach any one of us. God's Word says you should seek the Elders and have them pray for you.

Thank you for letting us serve you in this capacity and may God bless you and your families.

Many blessings, Tom, Kathy, Ben, Henry and Bob