

**A SERVICE OF BONDING
BETWEEN**



**PASTOR AND PEOPLE,
SHEPHERD AND FLOCK**



Loving and Lasting Commitments

“Let’s Be” Attitudes for our Journey

Everybody Reading (the underlined portions):

1. Let’s be patient with each other... (1 Thess. 5:14).
2. Let’s be prayerful for each other... (James 5:16).
3. Let’s be partners in ministry... (Ecclesiastes 4:9).
4. Let’s be positive in what we do... (Hebrews 6:19).
5. Let’s be prosperous together in every way... (3 John 2).
6. Let’s be pledged to unity in the Body...protecting relationships at all costs. (John 13:35; 17:21).
7. Let’s be prepared to answer God’s call...to win and shepherd people here and in surrounding communities. (2 Tim. 2:15).

District Pastor: The church sets aside some of her members for special training and preparation, ordaining them to serve as clergy. The pastor is privileged to serve the needs of the church.. **Pastor Geoff LaLone**, will you be the spiritual leader of this congregation?

Pastor: By God’s grace, I will.

District Pastor: Will you, the members of this congregation, love, accept, support, pray for, and serve with **Pastor Geoff and Dawn** as they lead you?

Congregation: With God’s help, we will.

District Pastor: Pastoring is a challenge of tremendous proportions. As **Pastor Geoff and Dawn** work diligently to understand the culture and relate the Good News of Jesus to a hurting and discouraged world, please join hands and hearts with them and encourage them in their servant-ministry calling.

Everybody Singing:

“*Make Me A Servant*”

Make me a servant, humble and meek;
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
Make me a servant today.



WAYS TO ENCOURAGE YOUR PASTOR

Simple acts that feed a shepherd. by Victor Parachin from **Christian Reader, September/October 1999**

Sometimes pastors are the loneliest people in the church. Often their hours are long, the criticism considerable and constant. Feelings of disappointment, discouragement, and defeat may begin to plague the best of them. Paul's admonition to "serve one another in love" (Gal. 5:13) should encourage us to **remember our shepherds**. Here are eight ways to make their lives better.

CUT THE CRITICISM - Remember that most spiritual leaders work hard to make worship a unique celebration each week.

PRAY REGULARLY - Ask God to shower your pastor with an abundance of love, hope, joy, faith, peace, power, wisdom, and courage.

EXPRESS APPRECIATION IN WRITING - A spoken compliment is always welcome, but a written one can be read over and over again for years.

USE YOUR SKILLS TO BLESS

SQUELCH GOSSIP Psalm 34:13 reads, "**Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies.**"

OFFER TO MEET A NEED - Be an active participant in your church.

BE OPENLY RESPONSIVE - Nothing so animates and excites a spiritual leader as seeing people respond to the preaching and teaching.

THROW AWAY THE MEASURING STICK - Lay aside personal agendas and preferences. Instead, focus on how your leader is being used by God to do effective ministry now.

Some resources: Bill Burch; Keith Wright; Holland Lewis; Eugene Peterson

