

Faith in God and Faith in Each Other

Hebrews chapter eleven lists some men and women whose great faith in God serves as an example for all of us. Their faith allowed them to withstand personal trials, overcome great obstacles, and yet accomplish things many could not comprehend. While some of the challenges we face in our time are not the same as those recorded in Hebrews, great faith is still expected of God's people today.

The elders will present plans for the Karns congregation in a few weeks that will shape the future of the congregation for many years to come. Just a few years ago, these plans would have been deemed to be impossible. The challenge being placed before the Karns congregation is not something one person or a few can accomplish. This challenge will require all of us working together and giving our best to the Lord. We must have faith in God and faith in each other.

It starts with the eldership having faith in the members of the congregation. There are many faithful and godly men and women in the Karns congregation. The Karns congregation has accepted challenges in the past and accomplished for God what some thought could not be done. We have faith in you.

Also, the members must have confidence in the leadership provided by the elders, deacons and ministers. Confidence that we are doing our very best to serve God and the Karns congregation. Confidence that God will bless our work if the entire congregation is committed to having an impact in this community for the cause of Christ.

What are some of the challenges before us? Additional elders are needed to oversee our growing congregation. Additional deacons are needed to serve the members of the Karns congregation. A master plan is being prepared to utilize the land and facilities to serve a congregation of some 700 to 800 members and upwards of 50 students in the Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies.

The first step is to present the "draft" plans to the congregation and get input from the members. The elders and deacons will meet with every family in the congregation to answer your questions and seek your support. The next step is to finalize the plans and secure financing for the first Phase. Construction could begin as soon as mid-year of 2016. A leadership class leading to the appointment of additional elders and deacons will begin next Wednesday, December 9th.

Prayers and patience by all are greatly needed.

For the elders,
Don Denton