Elders Breakfast

From: Andrew Owens (aowens@mcknightcrossings.org)

To: mxelders@mcknightcrossings.org; emcpherson@cfserve.org; mbardowell@gmail.com

Date: Monday, May 18, 2026 at 10:51 AM CDT

Wanted to make sure this was on everyone's calendars, and to encourage everyone to attend. We can discuss more tonight, but I didn't want to forget about it. Our own Jeff Kryder is leading the discussion, and I'm excited about the topic.

Blessings
Andrew



4th annual Elders' Breakfast - June 13th
Registration Now Open!

The Basics

Save the Date! All areawide Elders and Ministers are invited to the Areawide Elders' Breakfast on **Saturday, June 13** at **8:30am** at the **Maryland Heights** Church of Christ, a summer rhythm we began back in **2023**. In addition to enjoying a hearty **breakfast** and great **fellowship** with church leaders from your own and other congregations, we'll enjoy helpful **presentations** and fruitful **breakout discussions** with others at your table.

Breakfast itself starts at **8:30am** with our "program" running from about **9:00am--11:15am**. You can of course come late or arrive early based on other commitments, but we will respect the above time frame with it being a summer Saturday. The cost is just **$5.00** per person, and you can preferably **register and pay** online **HERE**. It's also okay to show up with $5 day-of, but it would significantly help food planning to at least tell your minister (or reply to this email) that you are coming.

Our Focus

We will have a single speaker this year, **retired minister Jeff Kryder**, who will guide our reflections on the "fivefold model of ministry" as drawn from **Ephesians 4:11-13**: *"So Christ himself gave the **apostles**, the **prophets**, the **evangelists**, the **pastors** and **teachers**, to **equip his people** for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be **built up** until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."* As elders or ministers in our Church of Christ tradition, you may heavily self-identify with one or more of these 5 functions or roles--especially *pastor* (shepherd) or *teacher*--but Paul is clear in saying that Christ gave his Church leaders who fulfill each of these functions *in order to equip the entire Church for appropriate works of service*. What are we to do with Paul's words here, which don't seem to easily align with our own church model? How can we grow in each of these 5 types of ministry at both the leadership and congregational levels? Jeff will provide his typical blend of biblical and practical teaching while giving us all plenty of time to digest (literally and metaphorically!) at our tables together.