

LAY ELDERS



Matt Durand

I'm a real estate agent here in Lynchburg. I've been married to my wife, Kristin, for 21 years. We have three kids, Charis (16), Judah (14), and Simeon (12). I most recently served as a deacon at our church and my wife and I are facilitating a Re: Engage marriage group.



Ben Forrest

My wife, Lerisa, and I have been attending Heritage for the past 16 years. We have three kids ages 15, 12, and 10. I've been on faculty at Liberty since 2012. I've written and/or edited several textbooks on topics such as biblical leadership, biblical worship, the history of preaching, and the history of apologetics.



Matt Hankins

My wife, Rhonda, and I have been married for 35 years and have been members at Heritage since 2010. We have five children and three grandchildren. I am retired from a career in manufacturing and distribution. I most recently served as a deacon and Rhonda and I serve in Converge and as Pathway mentors.



Keith Metzler

My wife, Susan, and I have been married for 48 years and at Heritage for 40. We have 3 daughters and 11 grandchildren. We lost our son at age 19, who thankfully, is now walking perfectly with Jesus. I am a retired family and emergency physician. We have been involved in youth, college, adult, deacon, and global ministries at HBC.





Prayer for Our Elders

The elders at Heritage seek to walk in obedience to Christ as they oversee the body of Christ at Heritage. While imperfect, these men desire to lead the people of Heritage in a way that honors Christ and draws the church closer to Him.

- Pray that the elders would abide deeply with Christ every day so as to properly discern the will of God (Rom 12).
- Pray that the elders would actively pursue holiness in their thoughts and lives.
- Pray that the elders would live in accordance to the qualification set before them in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1.
- Pray for strength to endure well under the weight of shepherding the body of Christ at Heritage.
- Pray for wisdom in leading the body, in teaching the truth, in confronting sin, and in comforting the hurting.
- Pray for sensitivity to the Holy Spirit so that they would be quick to acknowledge sin and repent.
- Pray for unity among the elders - that even in disagreement they would demonstrate love and grace towards one another.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:14-19