

According to God's Word, what are a local church's scriptural leaders?

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the overseers and deacons (NASB; Phil. 1:1b).

From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. . . . Be on guard among yourselves and for all the flock, among whom the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood (NASB; Acts 20:17; 28).

See I Peter 5:1-4 for the ministry of elders.

See Acts 6:1-7 for the early church's first ordination of Spirit-filled men who were not elders, but whose wise ministry it would be to assist the Apostles.

According to God's Word, a local church's scriptural leaders are elders, who oversee and shepherd (pastor), and deacons, who assist them.

An able and faithful ministry, next to the sanctifying operations of the Spirit, is the greatest benefit that can be conferred upon a people (Samuel Miller, in his inaugural address at the founding of Princeton Theological Seminary in 1812).

