



**Five Points**  
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*Below are answers Tim Gosselin provided to the elders as part of the interview process offered here to help you get to know him a little bit. Hear more from Tim at the Q & A on Saturday, May 6, at 6:30pm and during Bible Study Hour on Sunday, May 7, at 9:30am.*

**1. Why do you believe God wants you in the pastorate?**

I understand that the job of an overseer is a noble task (1 Tim 3:1). It is also a daunting task. Yet God has chosen to use imperfect men to shepherd His people, and even calls such men “gifts to the church.” It seems strange that God would operate this way. That that which he loves enough to die for, he would entrust to men. But rather than strange, God’s wisdom is on display through the church (Eph 3:10). This purpose in showing God’s wisdom is aided by the leadership of faithful men. By God’s grace, He has given me a love for the church. By God’s grace, He has equipped me to serve the church. In many ways, I get to do this already, as a church member—and I hope to continue serving the church faithfully—but all the more, if God calls me to serve as a pastor. Again, the job of an overseer is a noble task. It is a desire that I’ve had for the past 6 years. And the job of an overseer is a daunting task. Yet it is a task that I believe God has, and I pray will increasingly, sustain, mature, and equip me for.

**2. What are your specific and regular practices regarding the spiritual disciplines (e.g., personal prayer, Bible study, family devotions, meditation, stewardship, learning, etc.)?**

My current practice is to read a Psalm for the day, either as part of my morning routine or just before going to bed. Personal prayer happens during the last 10 minutes of my morning commute. Bible study is often associated with my preparation for work (I teach New Testament Survey at a Christian high school), or in advance of attending small group or Sunday morning service. Family devotions have a morning and evening component. In the mornings, my wife and I pray together briefly before I leave for work. In the evenings, we read a Bible story (or 2 or 3), pray, and sing together as part of our bedtime routine with our 2-year-old daughter. Meditation does not have a fixed time. I have an hour-long commute to and from work. This is when much of my meditation happens. This is also when much of my learning happens. Often, I am listening to a Bible reading, sermon, or lecture as I drive. Stewardship of finances, time, and other resources is something my wife and I discuss periodically. We give regularly to the church and in all areas of stewardship we aim to be wise and increasingly generous.

**3. What do you think is the greatest opportunity for the local church in outreach (or world missions) today?**

To be a faithful witness to the gospel. A proper understanding of the gospel has implications for all of life and will result in a church that displays God's glory and church members who pursue others in truth and love. This right understanding of the gospel compels discipleship, which leads to outreach, evangelism, and missions. A community of believers who are committed to the spiritual good of one another is attractive to the watching world. This type of community serves others and moves toward them with the truth and love of the gospel.

**4. What is your approach to counseling? How do you handle your counseling load?**

My approach to counseling is almost entirely informed by the Christian Counseling and Educational Foundation (CCEF), and I adhere to their model of care. My aim is to be biblical, relational, and congregational. Biblical, believing that the Bible speaks to all areas of life. Relational, in that I want to incarnate the love of Christ toward a person and point them toward a relationship with Christ, as the ultimate means for change and satisfaction. Congregational, in that I want to employ relationships with other church members and the regular means of grace in the life of the church, for the instruction, encouragement, accountability, and discipleship of the person I am meeting with. Counseling has been one of the things I've most enjoyed!