



Congregational Government

Job 38:1-15



CHURCH ORGANIZATION

Scriptural Organization

- Organization as specified in the New Testament

Scriptural Disorganization

- Disorganization, but meets the scriptural criteria

Unscriptural Organization

- Any organization which does not conform to the Scriptural pattern

Unscriptural Disorganization

- Any disorganization which does not conform to the Scriptural pattern



A CHURCH MAY BE ACCEPTABLE WITHOUT ELDERS

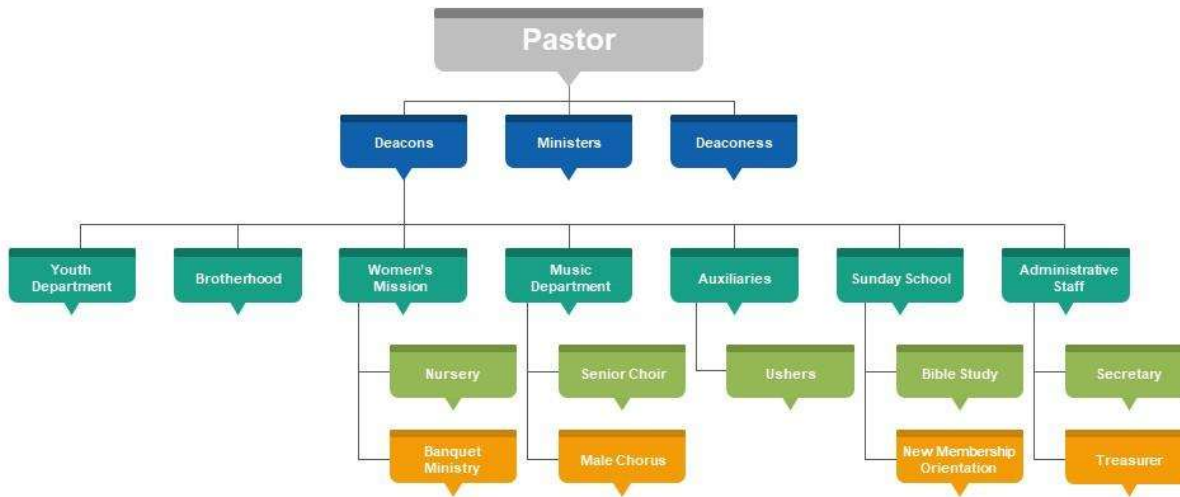
- Churches existed before the appointment of elders
 - Churches established by Paul and Barnabus existed *temporarily* without elders
 - Titus left in Crete to appoint elders
 - Likely, Corinth did not have elders
- A Church should ALWAYS desire and work to have elders
- But We May Not Appoint Unqualified Elders



WORKING *WITHOUT* ELDERS

- The work must continue – Ephesians 4:11-13
 - But NOT by majority rule!
 - Church is NOT a democracy
- New Testament Principle – *Submission*
- Summary of these principles
- Employing these principles, churches may work without elders.

Church Org Chart Pastor Deacons & Ministers

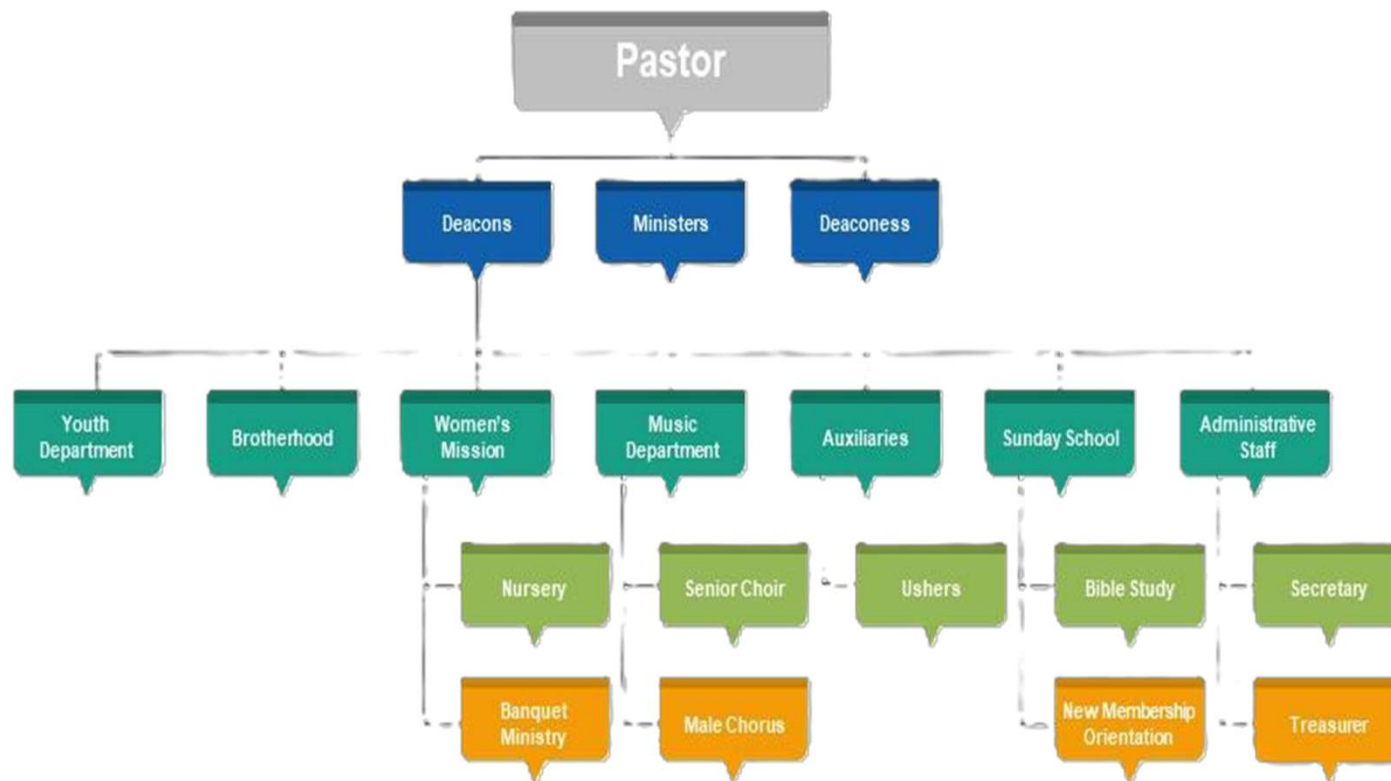


FURTHER QUESTIONS

- A church may appoint men for specific works (Acts 6)
- What about generic “leaders”?
- What about the preacher?



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Conclusion



- A congregation can temporarily exist without elders
- In their absence the work must continue
- The burden falls upon older, spiritual men
- Love and judgment must be carefully exercise
- The congregation must submit to their *scriptural* judgment.