

**Leadership Line**  
**Session Meeting Highlights & Updates**  
**February 22, 2017**

Desiring for more effective communication with the congregation, the Elders have committed to sharing updates and highlights of the Session Meetings as soon as possible following the meetings. Also included in these communications are the approved minutes from the previous month.

Highlights:

- Andrew Brunson, an EPC Teaching Elder serving in Turkey, and his wife Norine, were arrested on October 7 by Turkish authorities. They have been held without access to the American Embassy or legal counsel. On October 19, Andrew was transferred to a prison and faces criminal charges for allegedly conducting activities that constitute a national security risk. On the same day, Norine was released and all charges against her were dropped. However she, nor anyone else, is being permitted to see him.
  - Please pray that Andrew's relationship with God will be even more radiant in imprisonment than it has been in freedom.
  - Please pray for safety and welfare in prison, and that false charges against him will be dropped.
  - Pray that the Church in Turkey will be refined and strengthened rather than disheartened.
  - Additionally, there is an effort underway to get the White House involved, but it requires 100,000 signatures by March 8 in order to be considered by the President. Currently, they have fewer than 15,000 signatures. Please consider signing the petition at <https://petitions.whitehouse.gov/petition/forgotten-american-turkey> and sharing it with as many family and friends as possible as we need the entire body of Christ to come together to help our brother in Christ.
- New Deacons and Elders were approved during the February 12 Congregational Meeting.
  - The new Deacons are:
    - Keith Anderson
    - Jim Bader
    - Henry Glenn
    - Jeff Kaufman
    - Marsha Montgomery
    - Helen Naffziger
    - Wendy Sonnenberg (elected to another term)
    - Doug Stewart

- The New Elders are:
  - Don Lucia
  - Fred Neth
  - Julia Hardaway (elected to another term)
  - Merlin Nelson (elected to another term)
  - Rick Ramler (elected to another term)
  
- The newly elected officers will participate in a training later this month with the goal of having an Ordination/Installation before our next Session Business Meeting on March 22.
  
- Special thanks to the following Elder and Deacons for their dedicated service to the Lord through Springhill Church after having completed their terms.
  - John Grossenbacher
  - Kevin Erickson
  - Bruce Hoffman
  - Karla Hoffman
  - Becky Hurlburt
  - Don Lucia
  - Chuck Noble
  - Sue Noble
  - Michele Stinnett
  
- The next meeting of the Elders will be March 22, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Bozeman site.