## The Church: How It's Ruled and Run

The church, as all of God's creation, has a defined structure and order. When God's designed order is followed, believers in a local church body experience more peace (I Cor. 14:33).

- ◆OT leadership = Levitical priesthood → Judges → Theocratic Monarchy
- ◆NT leadership = Eph. 2:20, I Pt. 5:1-3, II Cor. 13:10, Mtt. 16:18
- ◆Leadership possibilities for a local church:
- 1. Episcopal:

See also Acts 14:23, 20:17, 28

2. Congregational: I Tim. 3, 5:17-18, Titus 1:5-7

3. Presbyterian:

and also . . .

- ◆Leadership qualifications are listed in I Tim. 3, Titus 1:5-7.
- ◆Leadership rule / running things at GCBC = ?
- ◆Leadership responsibility: feed, lead, protect, direct, care for
- ◆Responsibility to leadership: Heb. 13:17, II Tim. 5:17-19

