

Harvey M. Brown, minister of education, and Doyal V. Spence, minister of music, will be ordained to the Gospel Ministry. The congregation took action at the November business meeting to ordain these men. The deacons had studied the matter for several months and made the recommendation to the church.

The church asked that both men be examined by the Associational Advisory Committee on Ordination. This committee customarily assists the churches in our Association desiring to ordain a man to the ministry. They interview the individual primarily to ascertain his Biblical knowledge and doctrinal soundness.

Ordination gives no spiritual power or authority to a minister. It is merely the procedure by which churches commission and set apart those God and the church have called to serve as ministers.

For many years churches ordained only pastors, mainly because the pastor was the only minister. With the recovery of the New Testament practice of the multiple ministry, churches have begun to recognize each minister in his own right regardless of the particular calling.

Brown and Spence will continue in their respective assignments and with their present titles. No changes in responsibilities are anticipated because of ordination.