



## KENNETH NEAL

Ken Neal, who was baptized in 1961, is a native of Kannapolis, N.C., a textile city 20 miles north of Charlotte. He and his wife Janie and family moved to Atlanta in 1988.

Neal, a postal supervisor in Tucker, GA, is a soft spoken leader and Elder in charge of worship. He also is a teacher of adult Bible classes. He sees Bible learning as a corner stone for church growth. And growth is life, he says.

In remarks to the congregation, concerning the importance supporting opportunities to expand, Neal said:

"Sometimes we regard as normal just remaining stable, keeping things the same. But where the Lord's work is

concerned, just maintaining is not enough. When it comes to God's Kingdom, only growth will do. The Lord expects us to grow His work."

As a Bible teacher he works to balance the focus of the lesson with allowing discussions to evolve. He believes it's important to accommodate points of interest as they pop up.

"I love to let the discussion go, because you uncover information you never imagined in the planned lesson," he said. "But you also owe it to the class to stay with the material."

In shepherding the congregation, he said, elders need foresight, the ability to see problems before they are problems, and to minister to families' needs before difficulties get out of hand.

"He admits, "It is a challenge sometimes, getting people to talk, when you know they need help."

The Neals, who live in Loganville, have two adult sons. Ken was ordained an Elder in 1999.