

Thank you for asking your question at www.gospellessons.info : "Is it biblical for a woman or a pastor's wife to be a pastor or co-pastor?"

The Bible is very clear in limiting to the role of women in the church. Paul addressed the subject on two occasions. In 1 Cor 14:33-35, he wrote:

As in all the congregations of the saints, 34 women should remain silent in the churches. They are not allowed to speak, but must be in submission, as the Law says. 35 If they want to inquire about something, they should ask their own husbands at home; for it is disgraceful for a woman to speak in the church.

In addition, he taught in 1 Tim 2:9-12:

9 I also want women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, 10 but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God.

11 A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. 12 I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent.

Additionally, in the New Testament, pastors (shepherds) were elders in the church and not preachers (evangelists). Paul called the elders, shepherds in Acts 20:17-30:

17 From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the **elders** of the church. . . .

25 "Now I know that none of you among whom I have gone about preaching the kingdom will ever see me again. 26 Therefore, I declare to you today that I am innocent of the blood of all men. 27 For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God. 28 Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. **Be shepherds** of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. 29 I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock.

Thank you for your question. Please attend the church of Christ in your community where you will find the Bible taught and practiced.

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