

Deacon Ministry

There are three questions that often surround the deacon ministry of the church: What is a deacon, what does a deacon do, and who are our deacons?

First, deacons are servants. Second, according to Scripture, there is not supposed to be any task that a deacon will not do. Deacons ensure that the needs of the congregation are being met. They are to assist the pastor in ministry to the congregation thereby freeing the pastor up to focus on his ministry as an elder-which is teaching/preaching the Word and prayer.

The answer to the third question: “Who are the deacons of First Baptist Church and what do they do as deacons?” is found in this issue of *The Beacon*. Please take time to read the Deacon Biographies and get acquainted with the deacons. They are here to serve and assist in the ministry of First Baptist Church.

Pastor Jim

Prospect Ministry Team

Role of the Deacons on the Prospect Ministry Team

- ✓ Contact all prospects to the church via phone call, email or personal visit
- ✓ Notify pastor of contact and response from guests.



Deacon:
Dr. David Miller

Spouse:
Dr. Linda Miller

Children:
Douglas and Jennifer

Church Ministry Involvement:
Counseling Ministry, Personnel Committee

Role of the Deacon:

“Deacons are servants to the church body. Deacons support but do not supervise church staff. Competent deacons work out areas of serving rather than waiting for opportunities to present themselves.”



Deacon:
James Burkhart

Spouse:
Theresa Burkhart

Church Ministry Involvement:
Choir, Young at Heart, Handy man

Role of the Deacon:

“The role of the deacon is to be a servant. My ministry is to aid the pastor by taking care of some of the physical and spiritual needs of the congregation.”



Deacon:
Dennis Trammell

Spouse:
Beth

Children:
Kyle and Luke

Church Ministry Involvement:
Day Care Board, Video Ministry

Role of the Deacon:

“Deacons are to be servants of the church to keep the church operational. I will work with other deacons in any way the body feels is needed.”

Deacon Officers

Chairman: Garry Hopper
Vice Chairman: Morgan Dykes
Secretary: Terry Dean

Financial Committee:

- Larry Maddox
- Donnie George
- Morgan Dykes

Deacon

From the word *Diako*:
To “run an errand”

New Member Follow Up Ministry Team



Deacon:
Garry Hopper
Spouse:
Betty Hopper
Children:
Nicole
Chad

Church Ministry Involvement:
Prayer Team

Role of the Deacon:

“To serve God through the local church. To assist the pastor.
To minister to the needs of the people.”



Deacon:
Mark Chandler
Spouse:
Danielle
Children:
Will
Jerri-Grace

Church Ministry Involvement:
Celebrate Recovery Coordinator & Co-facilitator

Role of the Deacon:

“I feel that the roll of the deacon is to help the church meet its goals by nurturing the spiritual and development of church members, and to do outreach to those in need in the church and in our community.”



Deacon:
Terry Dean
Church Ministry Involvement:
Choir and Celebrate Recovery

Role of the Deacon:

“I believe the Bible says the role of a deacon is that of a servant to do things in the church for the widows and orphans to leave the pastor free to what he needs to do to minister to the congregation. I plan to accomplish this by trying to make myself more sociable when the need arises.”

Birthday Ministry Team

Role of the Deacons on the Birthday Ministry Team
✓ Contact members of the church on their birthdays
✓ Report their contacts to the pastor/deacons



Deacon:
Donnie George
Children:
Payden

Church Ministry Involvement:
Celebrate Recovery Ministry Leader,
Finance Committee

Role of the Deacon:

“Deacons are servants. As deacons we are supposed to serve the church and be examples by living a life that is worthy of our being elected. Our job is to go and tell all people as outlined in Matthew 28”



Deacon:
Larry Guffey
Spouse:
Sue
Children:
Andrew, Cary and Anthony

Church Ministry Involvement:
Long Range Planning Team, ROC Oversight Team, Usher & Drama Coordination

Role of the Deacon:

“A deacon is a servant so I serve with a glad heart. If ever one soul is saved because of something I do, I will be satisfied.”



Deacon:
Len Hogan
Spouse:
Karen
Children:
Kandi

Church Ministry Involvement:
ROC Oversight Team

Role of the Deacon:

“Minster to the church. See that the church is in God’s will and we do His will. Carry on and use His money wisely.”



***Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
5:00 PM
Sanctuary***

**Wednesday Activities Resume
January 6 @ 6:00pm
at the ROC!**

Homebound Ministry Team

Role of the Deacons on the Homebound Ministry Team

- ✓ Visit homebound members of the church
- ✓ Work with homebound department to ensure that homebound members are being visited
- ✓ Report their contacts to the pastor/deacons



Deacon:
Morgan Dykes

Spouse:
Ann Dykes

Children:
Adam
Andrew

Church Ministry Involvement:
3 & 4th grade Sunday School teacher,
Nominating Committee

Role of the Deacon:
“Minister to and serve the members of our church”

Inactive Member Follow Up Ministry Team

Role of the Deacons on the Inactive Member Follow-Up Ministry Team

- ✓ Periodically contact inactive members of the church
- ✓ If possible, address any concerns/issues related to their inactivity
- ✓ Report their contacts to the pastor/deacons



Deacon:
Scott Curry

Spouse:
Lynn Curry

Children:
Lynden, Libby

Church Ministry Involvement:
Day Care Board, Greeter

Role of the Deacon:
“A deacon should be the servant of the church to do whatever he is called to do. A deacon is also to assist the pastor.”



Deacon:
Don Whitt

Spouse:
Becky Whitt

Children:
Dr. John Whitt
Mark Whitt

Church Ministry Involvement:
Choir, Building/Grounds Team

Role of the Deacon:
“To be a servant who is available to serve as God will have me to serve.”



Deacon:
Merle Grimes

Spouse:
Georgia Ann

Children:
Kevin and Gina

Church Ministry Involvement:
Usher, Brotherhood

Role of the Deacon:
“1 Timothy 3:8-13. Be a leader in the church and community. Servant, head of the home, sober [minded and husband] of one wife.”



Deacon:
Vince Studdard

Children:
Renee
Sharon

Church Ministry Involvement:
ROC Oversight Team. ROC Desk Volunteer, Brotherhood

Role of the Deacon:
“To be helpful to the widows and those who need help in other ways.”



Deacon:
Larry Paul Maddox

Spouse:
Janet

Children:
Sloan and Todd

Church Ministry Involvement:
Personnel Committee, Finance Committee

Role of the Deacon:
“To do whatever the Lord has called me to do I try to do. I am willing to serve in any area where I am needed.”

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WEEKLY EVENTS

| Sunday | Wednesday at the ROC |
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| 8:40 a.m. <i>IMPACT Contemporary Worship</i> | 3:00 p.m. <i>Bible Study</i> |
| 9:50 a.m. <i>Bible Study</i> | 5:45 p.m. <i>Preschool Choir</i> |
| 11:00 a.m. <i>Traditional Worship</i> | 6:00 p.m. <i>Children's Mission Groups</i> |
| 4:30 p.m. <i>Adult Choir Rehearsal</i> | <i>CHAOS-Youth Bible Study</i> |
| 4:30 p.m. <i>Bible Drill</i> | <i>Men's & Women's Bible Study</i> |
| 6:00 p.m. <i>Small groups on & off campus</i> | Fridays at the ROC |
| | 5:15 p.m. <i>Celebrate Recovery</i> |

Want your life back?



Celebrate Recovery

**On the campus
of the ROC
Every Friday Night
at 5:15 p.m.**

**A safe place to
work through your hurts,
habits, & hang-ups.**

WELCOME CENTER GREETERS

- 1-3 Ruth Brannon, Bonnie Murphy
Matt Woodfin
- 1-10 Graham & Billie Brown,
Willie Mae Jordan
- 1-17 Scott & Lynn Curry,
Ruth Matthews
- 1-24 Doug & Frances Newman,
Gail Hayes
- 1-31 Sheila Barrett, Troy Patterson

DEACON OF THE WEEK

- December 20-26
Donnie George 927-5427
- December 27-January 2
Larry Guffey 927-4868
- January 3-9
David Miller 779-7651
- January 10-16
James Burkhart 526-8346
- January 17-23
Terry Dean 927-2401
- January 24-30
Merle Grimes 927-8134

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