

THE BIBLICAL ROLE OF DEACONS

DEACONS: The word “Deacon” means servant; one who ministers, to serve others. Deacons are servants.

Duties of Deacons

- 1 The chief duties of the Deacon is that laid upon Stephen and his six companions in the early Church (Acts 6). Deacons are to assist the Pastor and relieve him of the less taxing of his many tasks.
- 2 Attendance at meetings when called
- 3 Loyalty to the ministry and committee on which one serves
- 4 Regular in church attendance
- 5 A liberal, consistent and proportionate giver toward church finances. “Be an example.”
- 6 Exhibit Christian conduct
- 7 Assist in the Order of Worship
- 8 Assist Pastor in visiting the sick and shut-in members of this church
- 9 Demonstrate a diligent concern for the welfare and growth of every member in this church
- 10 Assist in carrying out the Ordinances of the Church
 - A. Baptism
 - B. Holy Communion/The Lord’s Supper
- 11 Lead devotional services, as well as, attend Bible Study, Church School and Prayer Meeting
- 12 Assist families in the time of death
- 13 Assist needy persons in the church as well as the community
- 14 Assist Pastor in providing pastoral care through the Deacon Family Ministry Plan
- 15 Assist when called upon by the Pastor

The Deacon Family Ministry Plan

What is the Deacon’s Family Ministry Plan?

- 1 It is systematic method for reaching EVERY family in the Church through personal ministry
- 2 This plan organizes the Church membership into groups of equal size
- 3 Each family is assigned a charge deacon
- 4 The assigned deacon accept responsibility for personal ministry to the families in his group
- 5 This plain seeks to build relationships between deacons and church families. Some aspects of this ministry are:

- A. Proclamation of the Gospel to families
- B. Care for families
- C. Providing nurturing fellowship to families
- D. Guiding families to build constructive community relationships
- E. Acquainting and informing members concerning the program, plan and vision of the Church
- F. Encouraging members to support the Church Program with presence, talents, gifts, influence, tithes, etc.
- G. Sharing with families in time of joy and happiness (birthdays, anniversaries, graduation, job success, etc.), as well as sharing with families in times of sadness and sorrow (sickness, trouble, loss of employment, death, etc.)

How can I (the church member) contribute to the success of the Deacon Family Ministry Plan?

- 1 Remember every family in our church is assigned to a deacon.
- 2 Know that your family's assigned deacon will contact you at least quarterly. (Telephone, home visitation, letter from the church.)
- 3 Call assigned deacon when:
 - A. You have questions about the Church's ministry/program
 - B. You or someone in your immediate family has a problem or needs help.
 - C. You want to encourage him.
- 4 Make any and all special prayer requests known to your assigned deacon
- 5 Report any answered prayer to your assigned deacon so that we may rejoice with you
- 6 Report any sickness in your family to your assigned deacon
- 7 When going out of town or unable to attend Worship, contract your assigned deacon and he will gladly pick up your weekly/monthly gift for the Lord's work.