

PASTOR'S PEN

Deacons provide leadership, wisdom and service to God's church. When you boil down everything we know about Deacons from the Scriptures, Baptist history and current models, this is what Deacons do. Deacons should be leading ministries within the church. That doesn't mean that individuals who are not Deacons can't lead. It simply means that Deacons are leaders. The question becomes how do they lead? When Deacons lead with humility and a focus on service, the church will prosper. But when Deacons become focused on holding power, the church suffers.

This coming Sunday, you will hear from each of our pastors how Deacons can and should serve in their areas of ministry. I expect that what you will hear will sound like simple service. But when you consider that the word from which we get the title of Deacon literally means servant, that should not surprise you. Acts 6 gives us a picture of a church in conflict, the Apostles call on the church to appoint seven men who will take leadership in resolving the conflict. Those men obviously do just that, and the church prospered.

As we begin taking nominations for new Deacons, ask yourself who will help our church prosper.