

PASTOR'S PEN

Over the last two weeks we have seen an increase in the number of Covid and flu cases in our area. I want to encourage you to take precautions, especially if you have a compromised immune system. In our Preschool area the policy is that if you are running a fever or nausea within the previous 24 hours, stay home. While we won't be taking temperatures as people enter the church, we ask that you follow that same policy. Loving your neighbor sometimes means staying home and watching the service on our livestream!

Over the last two Sundays I have taught on the qualifications and heart of a Deacon. We have an excellent group of Deacons at FBC Sanger. But we have lost some over the last year due to death. In order for the Deacons to fulfill their role of serving the church the Deacon Body believed there was a need to increase their numbers. One area of particular need is to increase the ministry to those in the stage of life where some extra attention is needed. The Deacons are working on a plan tentatively called the Defenders Ministry. (The name might change but the purpose won't.) This ministry will be focused on groupings of individuals God commands His people to defend the rights of. That group includes widows. We are broadening that category to include our senior members, married or not, who are at a stage of life where they would benefit from a little extra care. The Defenders Ministry will work with our Ministry Teams to provide loving care to those in need. I ask that you pray for the Deacons as they work through the details of this ministry.

If you would like to nominate a man to serve as a Deacon, send an email to grant@fbcsanger.com. Include the name, qualifications and specific examples of that individual demonstrating the heart of a Deacon. All nominations will be forwarded to the Deacon Nomination Team. This team will compile a list and begin working to identify men to be invited to begin a period of testing and training. The church will be presented a list of men entering into that training and testing program. The entire process will take at least one year before any ordinations occur.