

“Faithful and Mature: The character and ministry of a deacon”  
Acts 6:1-7 & 1 Timothy 3:8-13

The life of a church is filled with celebrations and challenges.

The solution that addressed the challenge and increased the reasons to celebrate was the ministry of deacon.

Deacons (διάκονος = “servant”)

The word deacon is a transliteration of the Greek word, its not a translation because the title is the meaning- A deacon is a servant, and a servant is a deacon.

Deacons serve the church by meeting the physical and practical needs of the members.

The tasks’ deacons carry out help preserve the unity of the church and promotes the ministry of the Word.

Responsibilities of a deacon at Harrisburg Baptist Church

Here are some of the ministry areas designated to our deacons:

- Visiting our members in the Hospital
- Ministering to our widows & widowers
- Welcoming new members and celebrating with new believers
- Caring for our members who are homebound, in nursing homes, and through the grief of losing loved ones.
- Assisting with Baptism & the Lord’s Supper
- Assisting with funeral services held in the facility
- Assisting with the benevolence ministry of the church

Deacons are faithful and mature followers of Christ.

6 Characteristics of a faithful and mature follower of Christ:

1. Worthy of respect
2. Truthful & consistent with his words.
3. Satisfied by Christ
4. Know, believe, & respond regularly to the Gospel
5. Above reproach
6. Faithful in his heart and his home

Deacons are godly examples for the church to imitate.

God saves all of us to become faithful and mature disciples... Jesus is the example all Christians should aspire too!