



Every Need. Every Member. Every Ministry.
A Renewed Vision for Deacon Ministry at First Baptist Church of Alexandria

At First Baptist Church of Alexandria, we believe deacons are called to be servants of Christ and His church.

As our congregation continues to grow and our ministry expands, we want to ensure that our Deacon Ministry is structured not simply around meetings or titles, but around **meaningful ministry to people**.

That is why we are introducing a renewed model for Deacon Ministry built around one simple vision:

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Our desire is to mobilize our deacons throughout the life of the church so that they can serve alongside our pastors, staff, ministries, and congregation in intentional and tangible ways.

What Will Our Deacons Do?

Deacons will serve through specific ministry areas that allow them to use their gifts while helping meet needs throughout our church family.

- **Visitation**
 - Deacons will help care for members who are hospitalized, homebound, recovering from illness, or simply in need of encouragement and connection.
- **Prayer**
 - Deacons will help cultivate a culture of prayer by praying for members, responding to prayer needs, and supporting the prayer ministry of the church.
- **Bereavement & Care**
 - Deacons will walk alongside individuals and families during seasons of grief, loss, crisis, and significant need.
- **Member Support & Follow-Up**
 - Deacons will help ensure that members remain connected to the church and that needs, absences, transitions, and opportunities for care do not go unnoticed.
- **Baptism**
 - Deacons will help candidates and families prepare for baptism and assist with the practical ministry surrounding this important moment of obedience and celebration.
- **The Lord's Supper**
 - Deacons will continue their historic role of helping prepare for and serve the Lord's Supper as our congregation remembers the sacrifice of Christ together.





- **Offering & Stewardship Support**

- Deacons will assist with offerings and other practical stewardship responsibilities as needed in the life of the church.

Why Are We Making This Change?

Because ministry is about people.

We want our deacons to be visible servants throughout the congregation not simply holding an office, but actively ministering in the places where they are most needed.

The goal is not merely to have more deacons. ***The goal is to develop more ministry.***

We envision deacons who know the congregation, pray for the congregation, care for the congregation, and faithfully support the ministries through which God is working.

Wait, I Love My Current Deacon. Does This Mean They Won't Help Me Anymore?

Absolutely not! We are grateful for the meaningful relationships that have developed between our Deacons and the members of our church family. If you have a Deacon you already know, trust, and call upon, we encourage you to continue doing so.

This new ministry model is not designed to take those relationships away, it is designed to strengthen and expand the care we provide. You are not limited to one Deacon. Every Deacon is ready to serve every member of our church family.

So keep calling the Deacon you know and love, while also knowing that you have an entire team of Deacons ready to pray for you, care for you, and serve you whenever a need arises.

We Need Your Help

As we begin this new season, we are inviting members of First Baptist Church to prayerfully nominate individuals to serve as deacons.

As you consider someone for nomination, ask:

- Does this person demonstrate a growing relationship with Jesus Christ?
- Does this person demonstrate spiritual maturity and godly character?
- Does this person love and support the church?
- Does this person possess a genuine servant's heart?
- Does this person care well for others?
- Is this person faithful, dependable, and willing to serve?

Often, some of the strongest servants in the church are already quietly caring, praying, encouraging, giving, helping, and showing up whenever someone has a need. We want to recognize and develop those servants.





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Nominate a Future Deacon

Please prayerfully consider whom God may be raising up for this important ministry.

Nominations may be submitted by using this [link in the Beacon](#) or emailing Zahcary Jackson at zjackson@fbcalexnadria.org and should be received by November 20th.

Submitting a name begins a process of prayer, conversation, qualification, training, and discernment. A nomination does not automatically place someone into service as a deacon.

Looking Ahead

We believe this renewed model can help strengthen the ministry and care of our entire congregation.

Imagine a church where people are prayed for consistently.

Where those who are grieving are surrounded.

Where members who are struggling are noticed.

Where baptisms are celebrated and supported.

Where ministries have willing servants standing beside them.

Where pastors, staff, deacons, and members work together to care for the body of Christ.

That is the church we want to continue becoming.

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Thank you for praying with us, serving with us, and helping us identify the next generation of deacons at First Baptist Church of Alexandria.

