

Introduction
Eph. 4:11-16.
Matt. 20:26.

Although they are not mentioned in Eph. 4, deacons play a significant role in the ministry of the Church.

- I. _____ versus _____ Ministry.
- It is a mistake to limit the role of deacons purely to the care of the physical matters for the Church. It is doubtful that the early Church needed caretakers for the yard!
 - If Acts 6:1-6 is a model for deacons, then one could conclude that the work of a deacon can be a very spiritual matter.
- II. Discussion of the word “deacon.”
- The meaning of the word simply means _____.
 - Christian servanthood is characterized by loving, simple voluntary service.
 - The word for deacon implies the quality of service deriving from a devoted love for Christ.
- III. Spiritual qualities.
- 1 Tim. 3:8-13.
 - Qualities – similar to the qualities of Elders.
 - _____:
 - Dignity – worthy of respect.
 - Not double tongued – lit.” sincere, honest, unhypocritical.
 - Not addicted too much wine.
 - Not pursuing dishonest gain. A deacon might be faced with the temptation to use his position for personal gain.
 - They hold to the deep truths of the faith.
 - These men are first to be _____ (like metal through a fire) and to be found above reproach.
 - Their _____ are to be:
 - Worthy of respect.
 - Not malicious talkers (gossips).
 - Temperate.
 - Faithful in all things (trustworthy).
 - The deacon and _____.
 - Husband of one wife.
 - Good managers of their children and households.

Conclusion
The deacon must be willing to serve – it is a service-oriented job and is often thankless.
Heb. 13:7.

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Sunday Worship (10:00 & 4:00)
Sunday Bible Study (9:00)
Wednesday Bible Study (6:30)
Life Groups (Various Locations)

Ministers:
Doug Austin & Michael Nelson

Elders:
Davis Bennett - Tim Dunnahoo
Wayne Fenter - Jerry McCormack
Lee Rogers - David West

Elder Chairman of the Month:
Lee Rogers

OUR MISSION
*To seek and save the lost through
 evangelism, benevolence, and edification.*
-Luke 19:10

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The Encourager

Country Club Road Church of Christ

Worship Order – March 7, 2021

Welcome: Tim Dunnahoo

Song Leader: Kent Taylor

Songs: 756 – I Want to Be a Worker

569 – Take My Life, and Let It Be (vs. 1,2,5 & 6)

603 – I Am Mine No More

792 – When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder

Communion Thought: Michael Nelson

Song: 339 – Low in the Grave He Lay

564 – Make Me a Servant

Sermon: Doug Austin – “A Servant Ministry”

Invitation Song: 888 – Have You Been to Jesus? (vs. 1, 4)

Closing Prayer: Lee Rogers

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Prayer Requests

- **Keegan & Alexia Sutton**, son & daughter-in-law to the Steinruck’s, were in a bad car accident on Sunday night in Kentucky. Samantha has gone to be with them as they recover.
- **Leah Williams & Alicia Bennett** continue to receive separate treatments for breast cancer.

Continue in Prayer

Rosemary O’Neal,
Anita Zuniga, Clara O’Neil,
Wanda Walker, Jean Brooks,
Tim Miller, Mary Lou Hall,
Ray & Joanne Magness,
Sam & Pat Gentry,
Cheryl Ringheimer,
Helen Aston, Elaine Bell,
Glen & Carolyn Browning,
Jim West, Geneva Fender,
Kathleen Sherman,
Marli Turtera, Dennis Seik

From the Mailbag...
CCRCOC,
We wanted to send our extended family at CCRCOC a sincere thank you for all the cards, calls, texts, prayers, etc to us in our difficult time of my father’s passing. We miss you all dearly and think of you all the time.
Your family in Christ,
Bart & Estrealla Triplett

Dear Church,
We want to take this time to thank you for the many cards & prayers. You have not forgotten us. Thanks again,
Helen Aston & Elaine Bell

Those Scheduled to Serve

Deacons on Duty: Greg Nibert, Koko Blackwell, George Escalante, Joe Sanchez

Men on Duty: Robert Leyva, Larry Fitts, Kevin Fenter, Ron Doyle, Ronnie Merritt, Jerry Ringheimer

Greeters: Larry & Patricia Fitts, Ron & Bobbie Doyle, Bob & Betty Ullery

Life@CCR

- Our sympathy is extended to Ronnie & Beverly Merritt at the passing of Ronnie’s sister, **Carol Lynn Jones** on Monday. Prayers for the family are appreciated.
- **Book Club** will meet on Monday, March 8th @ 6 p.m. There will be no charge for our next book.
- **We have 17 backpacks with school supplies ready to pass out to any students in need.** If you know of any kiddos who would be blessed by receiving a backpack, please feel free to take one!
- **Logan Harrell** will be shipping out to Ft. Benning, Georgia on Sunday. Please keep him in prayer as he enters into boot camp for the New Mexico National Guard.
- **From the Eldership:** “The Elders did consider and approve small group activities to commence at home following the current NMDOH guidelines for in-person and virtual meetings. As well, the Elders approve of the convening of small groups to use the church building following NMDOH guidelines for space capacity and in all cases, following COVID safe practices. The Elders look forward to these first steps in re-engaging an important spiritual practice.”
- **Be sure and look for the sign-up sheet on the foyer table for the church workday.** We would like to plan ahead so that we can hit the ground running on that day. Donuts & pizza will be served to all our workers.

Mark Your Calendars!

Saturday, 3/27	Church Workday @ 9 a.m.
Sunday, 4/4	Bible Classes resume @ 9 a.m.
Wednesday, 4/7	Wednesday evening service resumes @ 6:30 p.m.

For the Record

Sunday A.M. Worship.....158
Weekly Contribution.....\$6,333

Week @ a Glance
Celebrations & Happenings

7 th	A.M. worship @ 10 a.m., also available on 106.5 FM or Facebook Live.
8 th	Elders’ meeting @ 4:30 p.m. Book Club @ 6 p.m.
9 th	Connor Kilburn & Tim Wishard’s b-day.
10 th	Ladies Bible Class @ 10 a.m. Wednesday evening worship @ 6:30 p.m. on Facebook Live. Mavin Weeaks’ b-day.
11 th	Cyndi Vandiver’s b-day.
12 th	Gale Wright’s b-day.
13 th	Jaxon Houghtalin’s b-day.

Pantry Items Needed: Spaghetti sauce, Peanut butter, Jelly, Canned milk, Crackers

Life Group Questions
Text: 1 Timothy 3:8-13

1. What are some of the needs of this congregation? How can having more deacons help meet those needs?
2. What would you list as the job description for deacons of this congregation? Be specific and creative.
3. How is the ministry of deacons a spiritual ministry?
4. What is Paul’s main concern in this list of qualifications for deacons?
5. How “tight” should we hold to this list of qualifications?
6. Why are characteristics listed for the wife?
7. Why is his family life so important?
8. Why is being a servant so important in the role of a deacon?
9. Although applied specifically to leaders here, why are these qualities important for all Christians?