



“Deacons: Servants of the Church”

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CHARGE TO THE DEACONS

In the presence of God and this assembly, and on behalf of the members of this church, I charge you to fulfill faithfully the office to which you have been set apart this morning, setting before us a commendable example of servant leadership. I further charge you to assist our Pastor in his efforts to shepherd this congregation and to advance the gospel through this ministry.

QUESTIONS TO THE DEACONS

1. Do you believe the Scriptures as written in the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and do you accept them as the only inspired, inerrant, infallible, and all-sufficient rule of faith and practice?

If so, then please answer, “**With the help of God, I do.**”

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2. Have you personally adopted and will you cheerfully submit to and defend the Covenant, Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689, Constitution and By-laws of this church?

If so, then please answer, “**With the help of God, I do.**”

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3. Do you accept the office of deacon, and do you promise to care for the poor and needy and be servants of the church in a supportive role to the pastor in the fear of God?

If so, then please answer, “**With the help of God, I do.**”

CHARGE TO THE CHURCH

I charge you who are members of this church to pray regularly for your deacons, and to encourage them in every possible way so that they may discharge their responsibilities faithfully and compassionately.

I further charge you to pray that they will set a godly example of servanthood, and to lovingly hold them accountable to their commitment to serve as deacons in this church.

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1. Do you acknowledge these men as deacons raised up by God to serve this congregation?

If so, then please answer, “**With the help of God, I do.**”

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2. Do you promise to pray regularly for these deacons, and be encouragers to them as they seek to discharge their responsibilities?

If so, then please answer, “**With the help of God, I do.**”

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3. Do you promise to pray that they will set a godly example of servanthood, and to lovingly hold them accountable to their commitment to serve as deacons in this church?

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