

## 2020-2021 DEACON COUNCIL OFFICERS

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# 2020-2021 DEACON COUNCIL MEETINGS

10/19/20 5/17/21

11/16/20 No June Meeting No December Meeting No July Meeting

1/18/21 Ordination & Deacon Meeting 8/16/21 2/15/21 Cancelled – Weather 9/20/21

3/15/21

4/10/21 Church-Wide Work Day

### **PURPOSE OF A DEACON:**

- **Deacons** are servants of the Lord serving both the congregation and the community.
- **Deacons** should exemplify the Christian ideal, sharing the Gospel with believers and non believers, and should strive to consistently apply the principles and guidelines for Deacons as set forth in the New Testament.
- **Deacons** are ordained to serve as spiritual leaders of the Church. With the Senior Pastor and other ministers, they have particular responsibility for the life of the Church—to safeguard its good name, care for its fellowship, and promote its unity and welfare.
- **Deacons** are not to act in the place of the Church, but, rather, they encourage Church members and assist in the work of the Church, referring their recommendations on matters of major concern to the Church Trustees and/or the membership.

# DEACONS SERVE WITH THE PASTORAL STAFF & OTHER LAY LEADERS:

- 1. **Deacon on Call:** Minister in times of illness / hospitalization.
- 2. **Deacon Prayer Opportunities:** Prayer Room; Prayer Partners.
- 3. Discipling New Christians: Work with those who are new in the faith.
- 4. **Employment Ministries:** Help in a variety of ways.
- 5. **Lord's Supper to Homebound:** Serve Lord's Supper to those not able to join the congregation during regular services.
- 6. Mentoring New Deacons: Assist new Deacons with the assumption of their responsibilities.
- 7. **Outreach to Ft. Sam Houston:** Minister to the huge numbers of military personnel who receive their medical training at Ft. Sam each year.
- 8. **Pew Greeters:** Intentionally seek out visitors to the worship service and make them feel especially welcome.
- 9. **Renewing TBC Members:** Reach out to those who have not been actively participating.

# ON JANUARY 31, 2021, AT THE QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING, WE WILL BE ELECTING THE DEACON NOMINATING TEAM. THERE MUST BE AT LEAST 5 MEMBERS OF THE DEACON NOMINATING TEAM. EVERYONE NOMINATED SHOULD GIVE PERMISSION IN ADVANCE THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO SERVE.

Each week, TBC Deacons volunteer to visit members and others in hospitals or other facilities. The program is coordinated by Dr. J. August Higgins, Church & Community Strategist, and Assistant to Dr. Les Hollon, Ph.D., Senior Pastor. You may provide information to August at: ahiggins@trinitybaptist.org, or by calling the Trinity Baptist Church Office at (210) 733-6201.

- > TBC\_Deacon Policies and Procedures Approved at Business Meeting May 6, 2018
- > DEACONS ON CALL