



## Deacon Family Ministry: What It Is and How It Works

**B**ecause we care for you and your family, the pastor, ministers and deacons of your church have committed to implementing the Deacon Family Ministry Plan for our church. We want to make certain that every member, family and friend of the congregation experiences the love and support of the congregation. We want to be known throughout our community as a loving and caring church. We want to enhance and improve the ministry of caring of Conway's First Baptist Church.

*What is the Deacon Family Ministry Plan?* It is a plan through which the deacons can join the pastor and church staff in ministering to the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of each church member, family and regular attender. Every deacon has been assigned a group of about seventeen families as their Deacon Family Ministry families. You will be hearing soon from your deacon. As each deacon has many families, it may take a couple of weeks before you hear from your deacon. If after that time you have not heard from a deacon, please feel free to contact the church office.

---

## How Can a Deacon Help You?

(adapted from *The Deacon Family Ministry Plan Resource Book*, LifeWay Press, Nashville, TN)

**How can a deacon help you?** Of course, you are the only one who can answer that question. However, there are some specific ways your deacon wants to try to help. (*Please see next page.*)

---

## Meet this year's Deacons

Tom Anderson

Jimmy Cannon

Rodney Cannon

Stuart Griffin

Scott Harrelson

Hal Holmes

Arnold Houston

Betty Howell

McKenzie Jordan

Blake Lanford

Berns Massey, Chair-Elect

Nancy McGuigan

Elwin Miles

John Poston

Greg Richardson

Marsha Sasser

Marion Shaw

Joey Smith

Mary Ann Stalvey, Secretary

Fran Summerall, Chairperson

Sheila Yates

# How Can a Deacon Help You?

*(Continued from other side)*

- *Checking in with you.* – Your deacon will contact you to let you know you have a deacon and will make other contacts throughout the year when someone in your family is in the hospital or you have sorrow or sickness in the home.
- *Rejoicing with you and your family.* – Your deacon will share your joy when you celebrate important events or accomplishments in your life.
- *Being a friend.* – As your deacon listens to your troubles and concerns, you will know someone who cares.
- *Giving support in times of crisis.* – Sometimes your deacon can help you through a crisis by listening and giving support. Other times, your deacon will know someone else or a community agency that can help.
- *Answering questions about your faith or about your church or denomination.* – Your deacon will try to find the answers for you.
- *Helping you know and have fellowship with other members and families in the church.* - Your deacon will encourage you to participate in social occasions when families in the assigned group or other church members get together for fun and fellowship.
- *Helping you find ways to serve in and through the church.* – Your deacon will watch for opportunities for you to use the talents, skills, and abilities God has given you.
- *Answering questions about your church's mission and ministries.* – These are exciting days at Conway's First Baptist Church and your deacon will want to know the details of what is going on so you can find how the Lord might want you to be involved.
- *Praying for you and with you.* – Believing that you are important and believing in the power of prayer, your deacon will join with the pastor, church staff and other deacons in praying for you and each member of your family.

*You can count on your pastor, ministers and deacons to be praying for you during personal devotions and as a part of every deacons meeting.*

In the Deacon Family Ministry Plan, every member and every family has a deacon. The more effectively the plan works in our church, the closer our church will come to being a real family in Christ. Your cooperation will help make the plan work. Feel free to call your deacon. Your deacon will seek to help you or link you to another helping person. Together, we pledge to do our best to follow God in ministry to and with our congregation, and to encourage you, too, as a member or friend of the church, to find your place in ministry in Jesus' name, too!

**First Baptist Church • 603 Elm Street • Conway, SC • 843-248-4067**