

Last Sunday's Record—January 16, 2022

Offering: \$14,888.17

January 1, 2022

Requirements: \$ 79,763.88

Receipts: \$152,772.93

Deacon of the Week

January 23 - Landry Adkins

January 30 - John Anderson

February 6 - Tommy Cason

February 13 - Adam Foreman

Deacon's Breakfast - January 30

8:00 a.m. CHAPEL (note change)

Sermon for Sunday, January 23

"High and Low" Luke 4:5-8

Family Night Supper - January 26

Chicken and Dumplings, Green Beans,

Apple Cheese Casserole, Cornbread

KIDS: Corndogs and Tater Tots

Adults: \$5 KIDS (12 and under): \$3 Family Maximum \$20

SERVERS

Benny Harrison, J.B. and Teresa Griffith, Bill Simcox

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - JANUARY 23

Preschool Ext. Session

Timothy and Candice Maloney

Launch

Ben and Julie Webb

Worship Welcomers

Leonard and Betsy Cobb
Charles and Georgene Garrett

Greeters

Pam Maloney
Freddie Poitevent

Security Team 4

Van Goodman, Landry Adkins, Davis Miller and Greg Monsour

Counting Committee

Marcia Brewer, *chairman*
John Ellis, Leslie Dunn, Scott Sills

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, January 23

9:15 - Sunday School

10:30 - Morning Worship

4:00 - Deacon Council

6:00 - Deacon Ordination Worship Service and Reception

WEDNESDAY, January 26

4:15 - English as Second Language

5:00 - FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

- YOUTH BELLS

5:30 - YOUTH CHOIR

- Young Ringers

6:00 - Preschool and Children's Choirs

6:15 - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study
CHURCH CONFERENCE

6:30 - MISSIONS (G.A.s R.A.s, and Mission Friends)
- YOUTH WORSHIP

7:15 - Sanctuary Choir

Open Position in FBC Kitchen Staff

Wednesdays from 3 to 7:00 p.m.

One Sunday a month 6:00 to 9:00 a.m.

No Experience necessary.

Duties include any or all of the following: covering tables, filling ice machine, filling cups with ice, making coffee, food prep, washing trays, pots, pans and utensils, serving meals, making up to-go boxes for carry out meals, cutting and serving desserts, cleaning and sanitizing work surfaces, other duties as necessary; must be able to lift up to 25 lbs. Contact Kim Clark or Sandra Dennis.

USHERS FOR JANUARY

Tommy Allen, Bo Bailey, Will Carpenter, Adam Foreman, Brad Garrett, Benny Harrison, Michael Jones, Dave Little, Timothy Maloney, John Morgan Mims, Brian Sellers, Ronnie Smith, Allan Tolleson, Cary Vaughn and Leslie Williams

Dr. Nathan VanHorn, Pastor

Rev. David Bishop, Associate Pastor for Music

Zach DePriest, Minister of Youth Caitlin Braud, Director of Children's Ministries

Dr. Raymon Leake, Pastor Emeritus

Rev. David McCubbin, Associate Pastor Emeritus

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**DEACON
ORDINATION
SERVICE**

Sunday, January 23

Deacon Council

4:00 p.m. - Chapel

**Ordination Worship Service
and Reception**

6:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Deacon Candidates

**Elliot Brewer Timothy Maloney
Sam McCorkle Walter Rogers, Jr.**

*Whoever serves me must follow me;
and where I am, my servant also will be.
My Father will honor the one who serves me.*

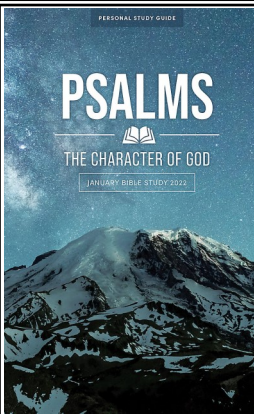
John 12:26

Church Family,

This Sunday, we have the special and sacred opportunity to ordain four men from our church family (alphabetically: Elliot Brewer, Timothy Maloney, Sam McCorkle, and Walter Rogers Jr.) to minister as deacons—*servants*—to our congregation. Why do we do this? And what does it mean to be a deacon? Answering the first question is straightforward: both descriptively and prescriptively, inspired biblical writers set forth deacons as an essential component of ministry leadership in the ministry of Christ's church (see Acts 6:1-7, 1 Timothy 3:8-13). The second question, however, has generated much more discussion throughout the ages: **what does it mean to be a deacon?**

My first Sunday at a previous church, I flipped to the back of the bulletin and noticed a spot just above the space where staff ministry positions were listed. It said, simply, "Every member a minister." In other words, all of God's people are called to minister and serve. The texts calling Christians to serve in and through the Church—the bride of Christ (!)—are too numerous to list. Even so, from the earliest days of the church (see the Acts passage listed above), some Christians have been set aside *to take the lead in serving*.

All soldiers in an army are dedicated to the task. They all risk, all serve, all sacrifice. But some in the army serve as *officers*, bearing a unique responsibility to those in their charge. This is what deacons (often called officers in churches) are to the church. As a wiser, more experienced pastor once said to me, "If the ordained clergy are called to be *servant leaders*, then deacons are called to be *leading servants*." As a church we are called to be on watch to identify those of solid Christian character who set a pattern for leading in service



PERSONAL STUDY GUIDE
PSALMS
THE CHARACTER OF GOD
JANUARY BIBLE STUDY 2022

Make your plans to join us
Sunday,
January 30

Winter Bible Study and Fellowship Meal
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Wayne VanHorn, facilitator
Psalms...
The Character of God
Childcare and Kid's Meal provided/Gym

that we might ordain them, encourage them, and equip them to take the lead in that capacity.

Jesus tells His disciples in Mark 10:43 that anyone wanting to be great in His kingdom must make themselves the least and a *servant* to all; interestingly, he uses the word "deacon" here. In verse 45, He continues, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served (literally, *deaconed*) but to serve (literally, *to deacon*) and to give His life as a ransom for many." The greatest of deacons is the greatest of servants, taking the lead and leading others to follow the servant example of Christ.

Pray for the Brewers, Maloneys, McCorkles, and Rogers families as we prepare for Sunday. May God bless us all as we serve in His Kingdom and for His glory together.

Nathan

Memorials...

Lottie Moon


In memory of: Henry Wilson
Lucile Hicks
Hoot Gipson
Virginia McCormick (*Laura Abney's mother*)


Capital Improvements

In memory of: Hoot Gipson

CHURCH CONFERENCE

Wednesday, January 26
6:15 p.m.

 **WMU** Missions Luncheon
Monday, February 14
12:00 noon

 **CHILDREN'S BIBLE SKILLS AND DRILLS**
RESUME SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6 @ 5:30 P.M.



DNOW
2022
DISCIPLE NOW
Cost: \$30

FEBRUARY 4 - 6

Erik Reed, Speaker

Kara Fincher, Worship Leader

Register online at linktr.ee/fbcm youth