

Dear Deacon,

Thank you for your service in our congregation. The Deacon of the Week service is a vital expression of our hospitality to our church community and beyond. Your presence, care and leadership make a difference in the lives of many. Noted below are the public portions of this ministry. If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact Debbie Goodwin at [deborahcgood@yahoo.com](mailto:deborahcgood@yahoo.com) or T. 828-275-5265. If you are unable to serve on your assigned week, contact Heather Swanson at [hswanson@fbca.net](mailto:hswanson@fbca.net) to let her know who you've selected as your replacement.

--Debbie Goodwin - Deacon Third Vice Chair-elect

When	What	Additional Information
Sunday Morning (9:45-12:00)	Before Worship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take time to walk around the church before the worship hour, a "fellowship walk" of sorts</li> <li>Meet and greet folks in the Sanctuary as they arrive for worship. The goal is to have a visible lay leader presence that complements the staff's presence. <b>Remember to wear your nametag.</b></li> </ul>
	Prayer of Dedication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note the timing of the Prayer of Dedication in the bulletin.</li> <li>Move quietly toward the front of the Sanctuary and offer your prayer.</li> </ul>
	New Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Join any new members at the front of the Sanctuary as we welcome them into our family of faith. This is a great opportunity to make a meaningful connection.</li> </ul>
*Wednesday Evening (4:30-5:45)	Wednesday Night Deacon Host (During Dinner Nights)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dinner starts at 5:00.</li> <li>Greet folks in the Dining Room.</li> <li>Welcome and assist any guests. Share about our church and answer any questions they may have. Make sure the ministers know of their presence so they can greet them as well.</li> </ul>
*Wednesday Evening (6:00)	Bible Study Prayer (During Adult Bible Study or Other Services)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be in the Chapel as folks arrive.</li> <li>Offer a prayer at the Bible Study service. The minister will review prayer concerns beforehand. Include the needs of those who are sick or grieving, as well as any celebrations (births, new members).</li> <li>Let a minister know in advance if you are unable to attend.</li> </ul>
Any time during the week	Hospital Visitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact Leah Brown at <a href="mailto:lbrown@fbca.net">lbrown@fbca.net</a> or 828-252-4781 for information on anyone who may need a visit, a card, or a call.</li> </ul>
As Needed	Death of a member or member's family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you hear of a death, notify Leah Brown.</li> <li>Call a family member to express our love and prayers for them.</li> </ul>