

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 **Jim DeGrave** at [degravejc@charter.net](mailto:degravejc@charter.net) or (828)702-1183.

– Jim DeGrave – Deacon Third Vice Chair-Elect

When	What	Additional Information
Sunday morning (9:45 - 12:00)	Atrium Host (9:45-10:50)	⇒ Serve as primary Atrium host during Bible Study hour. ⇒ The goal is to have a visible lay leader presence that complements the presence of volunteers and ministerial staff. ⇒ <b>Remember to wear your name badge.</b>
	Sanctuary Host (10:50)	⇒ Meet and greet folks in the Sanctuary as they arrive for worship.
	Prayer of Dedication	⇒ Note the timing of the Prayer of Dedication in the bulletin. ⇒ Move quietly toward the front of the Sanctuary and offer your prayer. ⇒ For more specific support, see <b>Prayer of Dedication</b> at <a href="https://fbca.net/deacons/">https://fbca.net/deacons/</a>
	New Members	⇒ 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.
Wednesday evening (4:30 - 5:45)	Deacon Host during dinner	⇒ <b>Remember to wear your name badge.</b> ⇒ Dinner begins at 5:00. ⇒ Greet folks in the dining room. ⇒ 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.
Wednesday evening (6:00)	Bible Study Prayer during Bible Study or other services	⇒ Be in the Chapel as folks arrive. ⇒ Offer a prayer at the 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). ⇒ Let a minister know in advance if you are unable to attend.
Any time during the week	Hospital Visitation	⇒ Contact Kendra Plating at <a href="mailto:kplating@fbca.net">kplating@fbca.net</a> or (828)252-4781 ext. 1317 for updates during church hours. The pastor-on-call can be reached through the main church line (828) 252-4781 when the church office is closed for pastoral emergencies (hospitalizations/deaths).
As needed	Death of a member or member's family	⇒ If you hear of a death, notify Kendra Plating. ⇒ Call a family member to express our love and prayers for them.