

# *The Lighthouse*

*First Baptist Church, Giddings  
Helping Others Say "Yes" To Jesus*

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*Blessed be*

THE GOD AND FATHER  
OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
THE FATHER OF MERCIES AND

*God of all comfort.*

2 CORINTHIANS 1:3, ESV



**From the Pastor...**

FBC Family,

June is an incredibly important month for our church family. From children and youth camps to the ordination of men as deacons our church is moving forward at a great clip.

With the ordination of our men to deacons I want to write a little concerning this. What is a deacon? What do they do?

The word deacon in its original form simply means a servant or table waiter. A deacon, according to the Scriptures, is described as a man with leadership skills that serve the church. (See Acts 6) They are deployed to assist the pastors or elders by protecting church unity, organizing practical service, and meeting tangible needs.

But how are they to do this?

First, the deacons are charged with protecting the unity of the church. Of the many lessons for deacons from Acts 6, perhaps most overlooked is their role in preserving church unity. The apostles were faced with a natural fault line that threatened to fracture the very unity Christ died to achieve.

So make no mistake: the apostles did not delegate this problem to others because it wasn't important, but because it was. They could have imposed a swift, superficial solution and moved on. Instead they laid groundwork for an ongoing solution and a permanent church office.

The best deacons, then, are far more than business managers or handymen. They are believers with fine-tuned "conflict radars." They love solutions more than drama and rise to respond, in creatively constructive ways, to promote the harmony of the whole.

Second, It is not accidental that Paul turns his attention to deacons (1 Tim. 3:8–12) immediately after discussing elders (1 Tim. 3:1–7). The structure suggests deacons are both paired with and subordinate to the pastor or elders they

support. I call more like the right hand men that help that pastor in all sort of ways.

The purpose of deacons is inseparably tied to the priority of elders. By enabling pastors to stay focused on their teaching and prayer, deacons both guard and advance the ministry of the word. They are like a church's offensive linemen, whose job is to protect the quarterback. Without them, pastor will have constant distraction and get sacked by an onrush of practical demands.

Finally, a good deacon can spot and meet tangible needs of a church. A deacon should be skilled at spotting practical needs and then taking the initiative to meet them in an efficient manner. But the best deacons don't just react to present problems—they also anticipate future ones.

It is for sure exciting times to be a part of a church that is moving forward and reaching the community with the gospel. Continue to pray and ask God that he would help our men that we are ordaining as deacons, to mix with the current men who are serving as deacons, so that the gospel ministry can move forward.

We are FBC

Pastor Johnny



**RESCHEDULED**  
 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
 GIDDINGS

**SUMMER  
 POOL**

NEW DATE  
 NEW TIME

Party

**SUNDAY JUNE 12TH 2pm-5pm**  
 YOUTH GROUP 6TH-12TH GRADE  
 @CALDWELL CITY POOL  
 TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE KIM OR DEANNA



**Food Pantry**  
 Next Food Pantry  
 Thursday, June 9th  
 3:30-5:30 p.m.  
 Friday, June 10th  
 7:30-9:30 a.m.  
 Saturday, June 11th  
 7:30-9:30 a.m.

**Volunteers needed!**  
**Contact # 979-540-6310**  
**for more information**

**FREE FRESH FOOD  
 FOR FAMILIES  
 & HOPE**  
 June 24th  
 9:30-11:30 a.m.



**Volunteers Needed**



**Church Summer  
 CAMP**

At Camp Tejas  
 July 9th - 13th  
 3rd - 6th grade  
 Admission \$295 per child  
 Come and join the fun!  
 Bible Studies!  
 Fun activities and programs!  
 See Marcy or Deanna

**DEACON ORDINATION SERVICE**  
**SUNDAY, June 5th, 2022**  
 6:00 p.m.

**Tim Cruise**  
**Warren Jatzlau**  
**Marty Lindner**  
**Michael Thamez**  
 Meal to follow

“The good Lord didn’t create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.”  
 —Unknown



**June 5 Troy Moore**  
**June 13 Samuel Tucker**  
**June 17 Mike Reedy**  
**June 20 Paula Chew**  
**June 20 Gladys Strong**

## Missionaries We Support Monthly

Go Drill  
Mission: Dignity  
Giddings Area Food Pantry

**No Wednesday night  
meals until August**

### First Baptist Church Deacons

John Booth	Mike Jatzlau
Vance Bradford	Warren Jatzlau
Tim Cruise	Marty Lindner
Billy Gillum	Mike Thamez
Billy Higgins	

#### Retired Deacons at FBC

Bob Sharp	Ronnie Doggett
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**Monthly Giving Needs: \$20,800.00**  
**Weekly Giving Needs: \$5,200.00**

**Total May giving:  
\$24,755.00**



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