

NEW DEACON ORIENTATION

The purpose of New Deacon Orientation is to help all newly elected deacons understand the responsibilities and expectations of servant leadership in the Crestview Baptist Church family, as not all churches are the same. This Orientation will include two sessions: (1) Leadership & Service, and (2) Lord Supper. In addition to this Orientation, each new deacon will be assigned a seasoned deacon as a mentor for their first year of service.

LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

1. As a servant leader in Crestview, it is important that you be knowledgeable of the church history, beliefs, governance, and policies to include the following resources:
 - a. Download the Crestview App and F1 Go App to access current church information (instructions attached)
 - b. Attend a Mission & Visions class
 - c. Become familiar with the church website and ministry opportunities:
 - 1) About
 - 2) Connect
 - 3) Ministries
 - d. Attend all monthly Deacons Meetings if possible
 - e. Read ***10 PRINCIPLES FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE*** by Warren W. & David Wirsbe and ***PRAYING FOR A POWERFUL MINISTRY*** by Dan Wooldridge (furnished by the church)
 - f. Participate in all Deacon Ministries if possible:
 - 1) Lord Supper preparation and/or serving
 - 2) Men's Steak Dinner preparation and cleanup
 - 3) Widow/Widower Ministry
 - a) Volunteer to be assigned widows and/or widowers as time allows
 - b) Maintain regular contact with and ministry to your assigned widows and/or widowers
 - 4) Other Deacon-Led ministry opportunities

2. As a servant leader, it is important that you know how to share your faith in a clear and concise way. It is also important that you participate in Crestview ministries and missions as your time allows:
 - a. Attend at least one semester of SPLASH evangelism training
 - b. Be prepared to share personal testimony in 2-3 minutes
 - c. Learn how to open a gospel conversation with someone
 - d. Learn how to present the gospel and lead someone to a personal relationship with Jesus as Savior and Lord
 - e. Learn how to minister to widows and widowers:
 - 1) Purpose and scope of this deacon ministry
 - 2) Home visits (including wives when visiting widows)
 - 3) Hospital and rehab visits
 - 4) Phone calls
 - f. Seek ways to make people feel welcome at Crestview
 - 1) Greeting and introducing yourself to people you don't know
 - 2) Asking questions and listening
 - 3) Praying for people
 - g. Pray about leading and/or participating in other Crestview mission and ministry opportunities:
 - 1) Camp Crestview
 - 2) Southwestern Monday Lunch
 - 3) Student Ministries
 - 4) Mission Trips
 - 5) Texans on Mission – Disaster & Recovery
 - 6) Others as listed on church website and/or announced in church newsletters, Sunday bulletins and Atrium Displays

LORD'S SUPPER

3. Lord Supper services are led by the pastor and deacons; therefore, it is important that every deacon be trained in the preparation and order of service responsibilities. The Chairman of the Lord Supper Committee will provide this training.
 - a. Lord's Supper sign up
 - b. Lord's Supper preparation
 - c. Lord's Supper service assigned positions in Worship Center
 - d. Lord's Supper service in other church locations:
 - 1) Event Center
 - 2) Children's Area
 - 3) Welcome Center
 - 4) Security locations