WHAT IS THE DEACON FAMILY MINISTRY PLAN?

Because we care for you and your family, the pastor, deaconess, and deacons of Mount Gilead Missionary Baptist Church are committed to the Deacon Family Ministry Plan. We want to make certain that every member and family in our church experience the love and support of the whole congregation. We want to be known throughout our community as a loving and caring church.

It is a plan through which the deacons can join the pastor and church staff in ministering to the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of each church member and family. The resident church families are divided into groups of ten or more families. Each group of families is then assigned to a deacon who will minister to them over a period of time.

A part of each deacon's meeting is spent praying about specific needs of families and in rejoicing over needs met and victories won. Another part of the meeting may be used in developing deacon's skills in ministering to family needs.

DON'T KNOW WHO YOUR DEACON IS?

In the Deacon Family Ministry Plan, every member and every family have a deacon. The more effectively the plan works in our church, the closer our church will come to be a real family in Christ. Your cooperation will help make the plan work. Feel free to call your deacon. Your deacon will seek to help you or link you to another helping person.

Your deacon has been assigned by your last name.

	DEACON	DEACONESS		DEACON	DEACONESS
AAA to BEA	Walter Winchester 615-945-3796	Kimmer Winchester 615-417-1532	NAA to NZZ	Rickey Martin 615-943-6624	Loistine Martin 615-512-4617
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DAA to DZZ	Raymond Springer 615-830-3146	Renitta Robinson 615-255-6726	PAA to RZZ	Milton Moore 615-830-4495	Iris Dismukes 615-585-4621
EAA to EZZ	Leavy McCoy 615-308-8077	Sonya Johns 615-738-1244	SAA to SMZ	Haywood Springer 615-668-4597	Paulette Springer 615-573-4860
FAA to FZZ	Clarence Johnson 615-243-5138	Clara Claybrooks 615-578-3746	SNA to SZZ	Shanton Bledsoe 615-474-7002	Lisa Johnson 615-351-4653
GAA to IZZ	Gary Dawson 615-513-1495	Patricia Branch 615-830-1816	TAA to UZZ	Albert Dawson 615-337-0586	Barbara Claxton 615-853-5621
JAA to LZZ	Jadon Foster 615-210-1908	Melanie Fitzgerald 615-305-00196	WAA to ZZZ	Samuel Hyde 15-310-7554	Sammie Hyde 615-501-0645
MAA to MZZ	Alvin Owens 615-305-6565	Jackie Cooper 615-894-1541			

Kingdom Builders,

The late Reverend Foster G. Young, who served as the 11th Pastor of our church, would say; "Mount Gilead is larger enough to meet your need but small enough to know you." This is the motivation behind our *Deacon Family Ministry Plan.* We want to do everything possible to make sure that no member feels overlooked or left out.

This model is found in two particular places in scriptures - Exodus 18:13-27 and Acts 6:1-7. In both passages the people's needs are met because of an organizational structure that met a growing demographic. Mount Gilead is without question a growing congregation. Yet, we dare not allow that blessing to become an obstacle.

This brochure provides you with all the needed information as to how the plan works. We look forward to continuing to serve you.

Because of Grace,

Pastor Bre

How Can A Deacon Help You?

How can a deacon help you? Of course, you are the only one who can answer that question. However, there are some specific ways your deacon wants to try to help.

Visiting you. – The first visit will be a get acquainted visit with you and your family. However, your deacon will make other visits throughout the year when someone in your family is in the hospital or you have sorrow or sickness in the home.

Witnessing to unsaved family members. – One of your deacon's chief concerns is that every member of your family knows Christ as Savior.

Rejoicing with you and your family. – Your deacon will share your joy when you celebrate important events or accomplishments in your life.

Being a friend. – As your deacon listens to your troubles and concerns, you will know someone who cares.

Giving support in times of crisis. – Sometimes your deacon can help you through the crisis by listening and giving support. Other tomes, your deacon will know someone else or a community agency that can help.

Answering questions about your faith or about your church or denomination. – Your deacon will try to find the answers for you.

Helping you know and have fellowship with other members and families in the church. - Your deacon will encourage you to participate in social occasions when families in the assigned group or other church members get together for fun and fellowship.

Helping you find ways to serve in and through the church. – Your deacon will watch for opportunities for you to use the talents, skills, and abilities God has given you.



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