



## Deacons' Meeting Minutes

13 January, 2026 at 6:30 pm

**Call to Order** (Sandy M.) – Meeting convened @ 6:30pm

**Prayer Requests/Praises** (Sandy M.) – Many of our deacons are ill tonight. Cindy Shane is having a colonoscopy on Thursday. Pray for a good report. David King – Persian friends – relatives in Iran in harm's way. Jimmy Brewer is on new chemo treatment – feeling unwell at present. Pray that it will be effective. Steed Williams – grandson on new seizure medication. Praying for healing and management of the meds. Laurie MacKoy - facing knee replacement surgery. Dave & Maureen Mares – cyst (Maureen) is causing pain. Consulting with surgeon at Johns Hopkins. A Church member is graciously paying for their air fare.

**Opening Prayer:** - Rodney Craddock  
*(David King will lead prayer in February)*

**Five Minute Devotional:** (Mike Hanshaw) – Charles Stanley devotional. Helping those in need. Mission is to pray for and take care of church's members and others in our neighborhood. Story of the good Samaritan. Jesus was helping non-Christians (there weren't any Christians yet). We are all qualified to help our neighbors. Ask God daily how we can help to bear the burden of our neighbors. Gal. 6:10  
*(Gary Merryman will provide the devotional in February)*

### **Old Business:**

1. Review of last meeting minutes – approved.

### **New Business:**

1. Elder communications. (Dr. Bob) – Chairmen of the Elders. Grateful for the service of the Deacons. Church being a church. Isa. 41:10.
2. Church Calendar (Sandy M.)

- a. 24 Jan - Men's Breakfast @ 8am – see Wayne to sign up for cooking
  - b. 25 Jan – Poet Voices (both services)
  - c. 26 Jan - Ironmen Bible Study @ 6am – 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of 11-week series.
  - d. 31 Jan – Blood drive – Fellowship Hall
3. Tim Transportation during the holidays (John A., Ken D. Gary M.) – Thanks!
  4. Comm Sheet update. (Matt R.) - handout
  5. Golf cart scheduling. (Dave M.) – going well.
  6. New building/parking lot update (Terry Gent) – Parking lot complete. 85% complete on children's building. Fire inspection on 23<sup>rd</sup>. Close out on Feb. 2. Repair of water damage started on Monday.
  7. Benevolence Report (John A.)
 

Previous balance:	\$19567
Contributions:	\$ 1469
Distributions:	\$ -6535 (a record!) electric bills, car repair, rent, groceries, and outreach to Lincoln Elementary (lunch accounts in arrears were paid off).
New balance:	\$14501
  8. Deacon job briefing (Mike H.) – Deacon functions explained. David King – in charge of widows. Has an inexpensive idea that he will propose to the ladies. Feb. 28 taking a van to Washington on the Brazos. Staff quarterly lunch with the widows is on Tuesday. Rodney Craddock will be David's assistant/trainee.
  9. Deacon job descriptions (Sandy M.) – Let Sandy know if you want to edit the current job description for the job you are responsible for.
  10. Word of the Month. (Frank J.) – Dagon 1Sam 5:1-5- see handout.
  11. Sub-flock communications (Sandy M.) -
    - a. Results of Christmas communications. – good response.
  12. "Deacon Dialogue" (Sandy M.) – about to go live with trip to Israel – October 4-13.

**Pastor's Comments** (Pastor JJ) – We need to continue to think about who would make a good deacon next year. We are growing fast. Averaging 100 more in worship for the first two weeks of 2026 vs. 2025. In all that we do, there is a need to take care of our ministry. Each of us needs to take care of our time with God, then our spouse and then take care of your family. And then, focus on your ministry as a deacon. Put these things in proper order to be successful as a deacon.

**Closing Prayer:** (Pastor JJ)

Adjourn – 7:14

**Next Meeting: 10 February at 6:30 pm – “Second  
Tuesday”**

Text Sandy (281) 615-7978 if you would like to include agenda items for the upcoming meeting