



## **Ebenezer Baptist Church Position Description - Deacon**

<b>Office</b>	<b>Deacon</b>
<b>Authority</b>	Biblically Ordained Office - <i>Secondary official representative of Ebenezer Baptist Church</i>
<b>Duties</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Support the Pastor with general church administration (<i>Chairman only</i>)</li><li>• Provide sick and shut-in visitation</li><li>• Provide general support monitoring and oversight of EBC Seniors</li><li>• Serve the Lord's Supper for sick and shut in members (<i>every First Sunday</i>)</li><li>• Assist the Pastor in handling benevolence requests</li><li>• Assist the Pastor in the Baptism of candidates</li><li>• Assist the Pastor in general counseling of the church body</li><li>• Inform Pastor of all matters directly or indirectly impacting the spiritual well-being of the church</li><li>• Conduct official, corporate, and personal affairs in a manner consistent with Scripture</li></ul>
<b>Other Duties</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assist the Pastor with<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sunday Worship Leadership</li><li>• Church School Instruction</li><li>• Prayer Service Leadership</li><li>• Devotional Leadership</li><li>• Resolution and Mitigation of member concerns</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>Scriptural Basis</b>	<p><i>Acts 6:1-7 - And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations. Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch: Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.</i></p> <p><i>1 Timothy 3:8-13 - Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; 9 Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. 10 And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless. 11 Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things. 12 Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. 13 For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.</i></p>
<b>Notes</b>	<p><b>Deacons.</b> The Greek word means "to serve" or "to wait on." A deacon literally is the servant of someone. A deacon in the New Testament church was a helper, or agent, of the governing authorities. In Acts 6 the apostles appointed deacons to supervise food distribution to needy Christian widows. There were high spiritual qualifications for this service; yet it was recognized as a subordinate ministry established to free the apostles for teaching and prayer.</p> <p>What is important to note is that on both the local and "national" levels there were those who accepted responsibility for maintaining sound doctrine and the holy lifestyle in the church.</p> <p>—Teacher's Commentary</p>