



Ebenezer Baptist Church Position Description - Deaconess

Office	Deaconess
Authority	Pastoral Support functionary of the Ebenezer Baptist Church
Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prepare The Lord's Supper and the spreading of The Lord's Table (<i>Bread & Wine; White linens; White Gloves for use in the Lord's Supper preparation</i>).• (Weekly) polish, dust, and/or clean Sacred Articles of the Altar/Chancel area (<i>Two Deaconesses are assigned each week to this task</i>)• Assist in preparation of female candidates for Baptism• In cooperation with the Chairman of Deacons provide an adequate supply of Baptismal Vestments and towels for men, women, boys and girls• Pray a Brief Prayer with all female Baptismal Candidates prior to their meeting with the Pastor for his final instruction• Maintain in a Clean, Sacred and Secure Manner all Lord Supper, Baptismal, Altar and Chancel Articles• Provide Sick and/or Shut-In Visitation under the direction of the Chairlady of the Deaconess, at the request of the Pastor. When this Visitation occurs, it is done by two (2) and not more than (3) deaconess at a time• Lead the Church Worship Devotional Service as scheduled, or when assigned
Other Duties	<p>Design, develop, and implement a comprehensive program to 'teach the young women' through personal development initiatives. These initiatives should include (<i>but not be limited to</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• appearance• hygiene• home maintenance• diet/health• clothing repair• dining/etiquette• budgeting/finance
Scriptural Basis	<p><i>Romans 16:1-2 - I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchræ: 2 That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also.</i></p> <p><i>Titus 2:3 - The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; 4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed</i></p>
Notes	<p>Deacons. 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. —Teacher's Commentary</p>