

## MEETING DETAILS

<b>Name</b>	<b>Deacon Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>Facilitated By</b>	Tom Robinson
<b>Date</b>	<b>Nov. 2, 2025</b>	<b>Notes By</b>	Terry Gearhart
<b>Meeting Agenda</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Call to Order &amp; Opening Prayer</b>		Prayer	Tom Robinson called the meeting to order. Randy Adair opened the meeting with prayer after sharing several verses of Scripture.
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>		Presentation / Approval	Earnie Davis offered the motion to approve, and Curtis Batts offered the second. Vote to approve was unanimous.
<b>Pastor's Announcements &amp; Encouragement</b>			
<b>Pastor Tony</b>	What Is Our Mission? * Gathering; *Worshipping; *Teaching; *Serving		
<b>Notes:</b>	<p>Tony opened his comments with a report of the church's votes for Cole Sutton's call to be the Young Adults Pastor. The church voted affirmatively to bring Cole on staff as the Young Adults Pastor with 559 voting YES, and 13 voting NO. Cole and Liz have accepted the call.</p> <p>December 14<sup>th</sup> – At both morning services we will do the Lord's Supper. It will be in standard format. Tony noted that we can't do a Lord's Supper during the Candlelight service because there's just too many people to serve and get them in and out of the church in 55 minutes. Tony commented about the previous "Family Lords Supper." He got lots of comments in favor of the format with the one exception being that we should add more deacons and wives to serve for expediency. We will add additional deacons and wives for the next Family Lord's Supper service. Staff got together about this to discuss what worked well and what didn't.</p> <p>March 8<sup>th</sup> – We will do another "Family Lord's Supper" format at the evening service.</p> <p>Tony talked about what it means to be a deacon as he desires that we arrive at a clearer response to the question "what is a deacon?". During his Mission &amp; Vision class, he got the question of what was a deacon. Tony didn't have a clear and concise answer to say what it meant. His response was we care for widows, and we do the Lord's Supper. That's not sufficient. Tony walked through a couple of ideas he wanted to share about what it means to be a deacon and who we are as a church. He noted that he doesn't like deacon's meetings that are just reports. Tony talked about what kind of church we are, and we are bigger than just "People Sharing Jesus." The following are some ideas of what it means to be a People Sharing Jesus.</p> <p><b>Gathering</b> – When we gather, we are sharing the Gospel. Gathering means gathering people for the purpose of sharing Jesus. As an example- when we did Trunk-or-Treat this past Wednesday, that was an expression of evangelism of gathering people together. It's not just a SPLASH type of evangelism. As a result of our Wednesday gathering, we had a family attend on Sunday just because they were invited during that event.</p> <p><b>Worshipping</b> – We come to worship and it's also about getting our spiritual batteries recharged. Worship is important. We sing songs that become portable theology for us, we hear a message that encourages and empowers us and equips us to be better in our calling of Christ followers.</p> <p><b>Teaching</b> – Tony noted we're a teaching church. He noted it means teaching and equipping the next generation of Bible study leaders of called men and women for ministry. We need to be a church that teaches leaders how to lead spiritually. Tony talked about teaching Mission &amp; Vision. The Bible is our supreme authority. Equipping the next leaders is what teaching means. We need to develop and prepare men and women for ministry in the future church.</p> <p><b>Serving &amp; Sending</b> – We come here to seek and to serve Christ. We were served by Christ, and we should do the same for others. If we only come to sit and soak, we become sour. Serving also means sending. This is our ministry and vision.</p> <p>Other numerous comments were offered discussing what "People Sharing Jesus" means and what it means to be a deacon. Matthew 22 – Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. Tony commented that we should clear about what we are NOT to be doing as a church. This is important to know. Some things are outside the scope of what we should do. Tony wanted us to have discussion about these points and how they define who we are.</p>		

<b>Continuing Business</b>		
Deacon Nominations / Update	Tom Robinson	36 nominations from 58 votes. The Process will continue through Spring 2026.
Financial Peace Training	Tom Robinson	Aubrey has identified 2 men who have volunteered to help present Financial Peace Courses. Planning for 2026.
Women's Ministry	Tom Robinson	Festival of Tables (November 8 <sup>th</sup> ) Tom noted servers are still needed.
Nominations of Deacon Officers	Tom Robinson	Deacon Vice-Chair & Deacon Secretary Randy Bassett nominated Terry Gearhart via email for Vice Chair. This was seconded by Earnie Davis. A vote was taken for closing nominations and it was unanimous. Tom commented that Deacon officers will be more involved with Pastor Tony on his visions. Tom suggested that we may want to use someone who isn't a deacon. Tom and Terry talked about making the minutes considerably more succinct and much less verbose. Tom also noted that technical literacy is not necessarily a prerequisite for serving as a deacon officer. Ken self-nominated to be secretary with the understanding that notes would be more succinct. Barry Ritchie also nominated Ken, and the nomination was seconded by Earnie Davis
Deacon Retreat Follow-Up	Tom Robinson	Continuing Summary of Comments <b>NOTE: Due to limited time, we were unable to cover these notes from Tom.</b>
Other		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rich Wilks put out a request for help in the Youth Ministry &amp; the women's ministry "Festival Of Tables" on Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>Tom showed a slide to better identify men and prepare them to serve as deacons. Continuing next year.</li> </ul>
<b>Reports</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Emergency Response Team Update	Curtis Batts	Curtis talked about a meeting with Tony and Cole and a message went out about serving on the Emergency Response team. We have five people willing to serve and Terry Gearhart offered another candidate.
<b>New Business</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Committee Needs		Committee on Committees – Baptism and Lords Supper committees are supposed to be filled by deacons only. Tom talked to Jaime about whether that could change and we could have people to serve who are not deacons. Contact Tom Robinson if you want to serve.
<b>Deacon Prayer Requests &amp; Small Group Prayer Time</b>		
Ricky Ward	He's improving. Continue to pray.	
Ken Michaelis	Will be having heart valve repair on Thursday, November 6th	
Tom Robinson	Tom offered a closing prayer and adjourned the meeting.	