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Deacon Carr joined the First Family in 1994 and served in different ministries with youth & children, as a Sunday School teacher and was in the inaugural class of Faith Bible Institute. Ordained as a deacon in 1988, his first term as Chairman was from 2007-2011 during the construction of the Pavilion. He remained a faithful servant and trusted advisor and was called for a second nonconsecutive term and has served as Chairman since 2020. He and his wife of 36 years, Sheila, have four adult children and six grandchildren. Dea. Carr is an alumnus of FAMU College of Pharmacy and is a Clinical Pharmacist at Tampa General Hospital where he has worked for nine years following over 25 years with Walgreens.

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“Brothers and sisters, choose men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom.

We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.” **Acts 6:3-4**

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How Can a Deacon Help You?

Because we care for you and your family, the Pastor and Deacons of your 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.

What is the Deacon Family Ministry Plan? It is a plan through which the Deacons can join the Pastor and church staff in administering to the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of each church member and family. The resident church families are divided into groups of ten (10) 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 Deacons' skills in ministering to family needs.

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 to get acquainted 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 your 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.

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Being your 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 times your Deacon will know someone else or a community resource that can help.

Answering questions about your faith or about our church or denomination. Your Deacon will try to find 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.

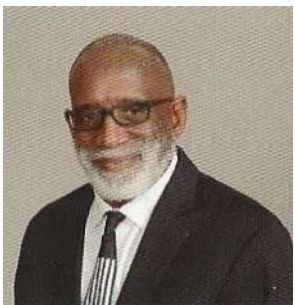
Help you find ways to serve in and through the church. Your Deacon will watch for opportunities for you to use your God-given talents, skills, and abilities.

Praying for you and with you. Believing that you are important and believing in the power of prayer, your Deacon will join with the Pastor and other Deacons in praying for you and each member of your family.

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 being a real family in Christ. Your cooperation will help make the plan work. Feel free to call your Deacon who will seek to help you or connect you with another helping person.

**If you do not know your Deacon,
call the church office and ask!**

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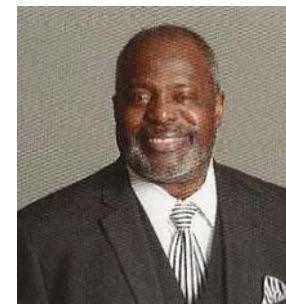
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