

# A Service of Worship

## Deacon Ordination Service

February 14, 2021

11:00 a.m.

To listen by phone:

**Zoom Call-in Number:** 1-833-548-0276

Meeting ID: 276 632 6336 #, #

### Gathering for Worship

Prelude *Clair de lune ("Moonlight")* Debussy  
Baxter Jennings, organist

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

\*Call to Worship  
Hymn 653 *Make Me a Servant* Willard

\*Invocation & Lord's Prayer Dr. Grammer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our  
trespasses As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,  
forever. Amen.**

\*Hymn 578 *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* BEACH SPRING

### Hearing & Interpreting the Scriptures

First Lesson Acts 6:1-7 Joan Haynes  
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson Romans 16:1-6  
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Worship Pastor Libby & Mrs. Becky

\*Hymn 651 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* MARYTON

Sermon *I Commend to You Our Sister(s)* Dr. Grammer

\*Please stand as you are able

## Ordaining & Commissioning New Deacons

A Word about our Deacon Ministry

Bill Sapp  
Deacon Chair

### Recognition of Life Deacons

*At First Baptist Church, we honor those deacons who serve among us for at least two terms (6 years) and who have reached 75 years of age as Life Deacons. This honor applies whether the person continues in ministry and service or is no longer an active deacon. We are grateful to have so many wonderful, gifted servants in this role.*

### Current Life Deacons

John Roger Abbott	James E. Fetter	Betsy Miers
Jim Barnett	Howard Fringer	Robert G. Moore
John Burgess	Juanita Gauldin	William Jerry Perdue (Active)
John R. Crouch	Armand F. Harrell	Jean Rood (Active)
Ruth R. Dandridge	David Lewis (Active)	Bruce Spencer
Joseph N. Engle	Marvin Midkiff	Clifford Rood

### New Life Deacons

Ross Gale Linda Moore

### Ordination of Our New Deacons

Sylvia Knight Nancy Thomas

*We ordain and commission two new deacons to our deacon body here at First Baptist Church. These new deacons will provide spiritual, physical, and emotional care for members of our congregation, assist the pastor in shepherding the flock, and offer leadership in our community of believers. This sacred task is one blessed by the congregation for those accepting this call into servant ministry.*

### Covenant of the Deacons and Congregation

Minister: For our new deacons, so that all may know your willingness and desire to take upon yourselves this servant leadership position, please share with us your testimony of calling to this work.

*Deacons-Elect share their testimonies.*

Minister: For our current ordained deacons, as our newly-ordained deacons join you in your mission, share with us your affirmation of their gifts.

*Ordained Deacons share their words about the Deacons-Elect.*

Minister: Now, Church, as members of this congregation, do you join with these servants of God as willing participants in God's Kingdom through First Baptist Church?

**Church: We do. We give thanks to God for these deacons and the ministry before them. For deacons in active service and those being ordained, we pray God's grace upon them as they serve this church, and upon us as we receive their ministry.**

### Laying on of Hands

*Though we cannot lay on hands physically at this time, we recognize the need to bless these with our words. For the last two weeks, our church members have traced their hands and written prayers, words of encouragement, and words of blessing on paper. Our new deacons now have the hands and blessings of their church, presented in a special keepsake box.*

*This act of laying on of hands symbolizes the invocation of the Holy Spirit into someone's life. May our hands and our prayers bless these new servants as they begin their good work among us as deacons in 2021.*

Prayer of Dedication Dr. Grammer

### Responding to God

\*Hymn 574 *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak* CANONBURY

\*Benediction Dr. Grammer

\*Response *Make Me a Servant* Willard

Postlude *Crown Him With Many Crowns* arr. Held

*During Today's Service, we ordain and commission new deacons in our congregation. Though we would typically lay hands on these newly-elected servants and pray for them, due to the pandemic, we will ordain them virtually and offer our blessings in new ways. Join us as we pray for and support these new deacons!*

**Flowers on the Lord's Table** are given in loving memory of Betty Jennings by the First Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir.

**\*Call to Worship & Response**

Hymn 653 *Make Me a Servant* Willard

Make me a servant, humble and meek, Lord, let me lift up those who are weak; and may the prayer of my heart always be: make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.

\*Hymn 426 *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* BEACH SPRING (vs. 1,3,4)

Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart, consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go, to the child, the youth, the aged, love in loving deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

\*Hymn 651 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* MARYTON

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free; tell me thy secret: help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love; teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience-still with thee in closer, dearer company, in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way, in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

\*Hymn 574 *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak* CANONBURY

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of your tone; as you have sought, so let me seek your wandering children, lost, alone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the stumbling and the straying feet; and feed me, Lord, that I may feed your hungry ones with manna sweet.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things which you impart; and wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my heart shall overflow in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

**Thank you to our deacons who are rotating off the active deacon body!** The First Baptist Church family extends heartfelt thanks for the faithful ministry of those deacons who are rotating off of active service: Bobby Moore, Linda Dorr, Cliff Rood, Stephens Turner, Linda Read, Ruth Dandridge, and Errol Wallace. We give thanks to God for you!

**Who's My Deacon?**

If you have not yet connected with your assigned deacon this year, please feel free to contact the church office to find out who is assigned to you/your family for this year. Your deacon will be in touch by phone/mail/email to get to know you soon, if they have not already!

**Active Deacons 2021**

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|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Ross Gale                 | Darnell Cockram   |
| Tom Hall                  | Linda Moore       |
| Sylvia Knight             | Susan Sapp        |
| Roslyn Wingett            | Linda Gale        |
| Nancy Thomas              | Bill Sapp - Chair |
| David Lewis               | Jerry Perdue      |
| Herb Collins – Vice Chair | John Collins      |
| Jean Rood                 |                   |



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Organist

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**Mission Statement:**

*The congregation of First Baptist Church, led by the Holy Spirit, covenants to worship Almighty God and to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Consistent with the Great Commission, we will share our spiritual gifts beyond our doors with enthusiasm, generosity, and grace.*

*Service of Deacon Ordination*

## Prayer Reminder

**CHURCH FAMILY:** John Abbott, Jim Barnett, Alice Bowman, Mary Clifton, Martha Drane, John Fulcher, Jean Gray, Smitty & Ann Grogan, George Lester, Marvin Midkiff, Betty Minter, Betty Prillaman, Jimmie Sexton, Benny Shires, Stacey Steagall, Shirley Stone, Yvonne Turner, Gayle Williams

**In Christian Sympathy** to Martha Medley in the loss of her husband, Gene Medley, who passed away on Wednesday, February 3, 2021. A graveside service was held Friday, February 5, 2021.

**IN APPRECIATION: GENERAL FUND:** Gifts have been given in memory of Betty Shires by Rudy & Barbara Farris and Jon & Donna Withrow. A gift has been given in memory of Betty Jennings by David & Dottie Lewis. **FULLER DAVIS MUSIC:** A gifts have been given in memory of Betty Jennings by Linda Read, Helen Wright, and Steve & Joan Haynes. **MISSION OPPORTUNITY:** Gifts have been given in memory of Gene Medley by Linda Read, and Steve & Joan Haynes. Gifts have been given in memory of Betty Shires by Steve & Joan Haynes and David & Dottie Lewis. **LIBRARY FUND:** A gift has been given in memory of Betty Shires by Helen Wright.

## Opportunities for the Week

### Sunday, February 14

9:45 a.m. Sunday School-Zoom  
11:00 a.m. Worship-Virtual  
1:00 p.m. ELC Committee-Zoom

### Monday, February 15

10:30 a.m. Children's Chapel

### Tuesday, February 16

5:15 p.m. Business & Finance Committee-Zoom

### Wednesday, February 17

6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Lent Service-Virtual  
*No Midweek Check-in*

### Thursday, February 18

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Hebrews-Zoom  
1:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Committee-Zoom  
8:00 p.m. Journey Small Group-Zoom

**February Birthdays:** 3 Armand Harrell, Shirley Roark, Faye Hanks, 5 Audrey Buck, 6 Jean Gray, 7 Martha Crawley, Peyton Dowdy, 13 Linda Dorr, 14 Johnny Crouch, 16 Rosa Collins, 19 Betsy Miers, Jane Mize, Jeanne Pedigo, 20 Nancy Canupp, 23 Ann Grogan, Linda Moore, 25 Elaine Fringer, Betty Minter, 28 Jack Johnston

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Scholarships** are available from The (Clarence) Lee Lester Educational Fund at FBC for church member's and their families. Applications are available in the church office and online on our website: <https://fbcmartinsville.com/lee-lester-scholarship-2021/>

## Women on Mission

### **Thank you for giving to our January WOM Mission Action Project!**

Thanks to YOUR generosity, we raised \$1,715.00 for the mission project donations to the Henry County Food Pantry during the month of January.

### **Action Project for February: Monetary Donations to Safetynet**

Safetynet is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide emergency financial assistance as a resource of last resort to residents of Martinsville and Henry County whose legitimate, urgent needs are not being adequately met from other public or private sources. To give, send your check to the church and write "Safetynet" in the memo line.

**Congratulations to Shirley Stone** on the birth of her great granddaughter! Adalaide Christine Steagall was born on January 29, 2021 to Randy and Ellis Steagall of Jamestown, NC.

### **Deacons of the Month**

Deacons of the month assist your pastor and other deacons with visitation as needed.

**February Deacons of the Month:** Ross Gale and Linda Gale

### **Grace Network January-March 2021 Food Assignment**

Potato Products (mashed, scalloped)  
Please drop the food off at the church.

### **Church Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Closed on Fridays.\*

*\*Call the church staff cell phones or email them if needed.*