Worthy Servants: Deacons in a Biblically Shaped Church
1 Timothy 3:8-13

One Command of Christ

If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. John 12:26

Two unstated **presumptions**:

Deacon is an _____ of the church.

Deacon is a _____ description.

The Qualifications of Deacons: Exemplary Servants

They must be _____.

They must not be _____, addicted to much _____, nor _____ for dishonest gain.

They must _____ the Gospel.

The church should _____ them...

and then let them serve if they prove themselves _____.

Speed Bump: *"Their wives likewise..."* 1 Timothy 3:11a

_____ or _____; No "_____" there.

2 Plausible interpretations

1.

2.

Qualifications for women: _____, not _____, sober-minded, _____ in all things.

The Qualifications of (men) deacons:

Deacons should be _____ husbands.

Deacons should be good _____ of their families.

Promise of Reward:

Good _____ for themselves

Great _____ in the faith

Practical Applications for Calvary:

_____ your deacons

Answer the call to _____ our deacons

Empower deacons to serve our _____ needs

Assume _____ of selecting good candidates

Points of Growth for the deacon ministry:

Shift mindset to "_____" model

Elevate Staff/Deacon _____

Charles Uptain
Calvary Baptist Church
February 19, 2023

2023 Calvary Missions Conference

Our Missions Conference is just around the corner and we can't wait for you to meet, encourage, and learn from our global missions partners. Our theme is "Gospel Feet" based on Romans 10:14-15. If you plan to attend the Friday night dinner, please RSVP to the church office by Friday, February 24.

Friday, March 3

5pm Dinner with Missionaries, Fellowship Center (RSVP Required)
6pm Opening Service, Sanctuary | Guest Speaker: Danny Wood (childcare provided for worship service only)

Saturday, March 4

8:30am Breakfast with Missionaries, Fellowship Center
9am Prayer with Missionaries
10:15-12pm Workshops, ROC
(Childcare provided 8:30am-12pm)

Sunday, March 5

8am Prayer with Missionaries, Parlor
8:30am Life Group with Missionaries
10am Morning Worship | Steve Chambers, Neighborhood Church, NYC
5pm Evening Worship | Moses O. Odhiambo, Echoes of Mercy Mission, Kenya

Women's Night of Worship

February 26 | 6:15pm | Sanctuary

This Night of Worship will be a time to celebrate all that God has done and will do. Come rejoice with us!

Dad and Kids Campout | February 24-25

Dads, grab your tent and the kids (must be Grades 1-5) as we camp out at the Weatherly/Woodham Farm with an awesome afternoon, evening, and morning of fun. $20 per family. Register online at calvarydothan.com. Deadline is February 19.

Open Classes Begin Sunday, March 12 at 8:30am

Opening assembly will be in the Sanctuary each week and classes will meet below the Sanctuary.

Systematic Theology Part 1: Building a framework for knowing God and His creation
Room S-006 | taught by Paul Thompson & Charles Uptain

Old Testament Overview Part 1: A 30,000 ft. view of the books of the Old Testament
Room S-004 | taught by Tim Gannon & Joseph Parden

Christianity Explained: A Healthy start to knowing and sharing my faith
Room S-001 | taught by Don Mills & Sam Tarwater | 6 weeks beginning March 12

How to Study the Bible: Learning to feed ourselves with the Word
Room S-001 | taught by Jed Downs & Dave Lindey | 6 weeks beginning April 23

Meaningful Membership: A required membership class
Room S-003 | taught by multiple staff members & elders | 4 weeks

Calvary Kids Volunteer Opportunities

Church family, there are tremendous opportunities to join our team in making disciples amoung our 1st-5th grade boys and girls.

Life Group | Sundays at 8:30am - Two 1st grade teachers and substitute teachers

Kids Worship | Sundays at 10:00am - Serve on a rotation schedule to help manage and lead this service

If you're a church member and you are interested in these opportunities, we'd love to have a conversation with you. Email, zach@calvarydothan.com or call/text 334.733.6326.

Everyone Deacons

If you've put your trust in Christ, you are already a deacon in a broad sense. The Greek noun *diakonos* appears twenty-nine times in the New Testament and is almost always translated "servant(s)" or "minister(s)." (Same with the related noun and verb.) Here are a few examples from the Gospels, rendered literally:

> *The greatest among you shall be your deacon. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. (Matt. 23:11-12)*
>
> *And [Jesus] said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and deacon of all. (Mark 9:35)*
>
> *If anyone deacons me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my deacon be also. If anyone deacons me, the Father will honor him. (John 12:26)*

Above all, Christian believers are those who walk in the footsteps of the ultimate deacon, the suffereing servant who came "not to be deaconed but to deacon, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45).

In sum, *diakonos* is usually just a generic term for "servant"—hence the attribution to non-Christian rulers and even to demons. A small handful of times, though, the word is employed in a narrower, more technical sense - hence this book.

To "deacon" in this narrower sense—which is how to typically understand the word and how I will use it from now on—is not an informal role. It isn't simply a ministry job title, like "campus director" or "children's ministry coordinator." It is one of two offices the New Testament establishes for the local church. Only elders (or pastors) and deacons are ordained to formal, public service in the life of the congregation.

How crucial, then, is diaconal service to church health? Crucial enough for God to carve out an official position for select members, recognized as model servants, to mobilize practical service in creative ways.

From *Deacons: How They Serve and Strengthen the Church* by Matt Smethurst

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Calvary Weekday and
Calvary Preschool and Kindergarten
Now Accepting In-house Registration

In-house registration for current students and Calvary church members is open now through February 28. Contact Michelle@calvarydothan.com or Jaci@calvarydothan.com to enroll.

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

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My Decision Today:

❑ I trusted Jesus as Savior.

❑ I'd like to join Calvary Baptist Church.

❑ I believe God is calling me into ministry/mission.

❑ Please have a pastor or elder contact me.

If you would like to speak with someone about one of the items noted above, please visit the Next Steps Kiosk before you leave today.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

❑ Pastors & Prayer Team Only

❑ Churchwide

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Connect Card

February 19, 2023

Please complete this tab, tear it off and drop it in an offering plate, or in the boxes by the exits.

❑ Please update my information
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I am a:
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February Missions Spotlight

Jose and Areli Perez (Missioteca)
Missioteca is a collection of missional initiatives dedicated to eradicating theological famine in the Global South. The mission work of Jose and Areli thru Missioteca involves walking alongside local churches in Guatemala to help them become healthy churches. If you would like to know more about the mission work of Missioteca or the Perez family, you can visit missioteca.org or email Jose at jose@missioteca.org.

Also, if you would like to know how to pray for the Perez's, please pick up a prayer card at the mission's kiosk in the Fellowship Center Foyer.

Alabama Baptist Children's Homes & Family Ministries (Local Missions Partner)
The purpose of Alabama Baptist Children's Homes & Family Ministries is to protect, nurture, and restore children and families through Christ-centered services. The result we desire to see hope and wholeness for children and families through knowing God. If you would like to know more about the ministry work of ABCH, you can contact Kim McGainey at kmcgainey@alabamachild.org or visit facebook.com/alabamachild/ or alabamachild.org.

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FIRST TIME GUEST?

We're so glad you've joined us for worship today and would love to be able to share more with you about our church. Please fill out the Connect Card to the left and place it in one of the offering plates when they are passed. Be sure to stop by our Next Steps kiosk after the service for a gift from us!

THE PEOPLE CAME...
February 12
Life Group: 570
10:00 Worship: 696
Hispanic Church: 121
Neighborhood Church (NY): 30

THE PEOPLE GAVE...
General Fund
Given February 12: $44,737.78
Y-T-D Budget
Surplus (Deficit): $41,191.30

5-DAY BIBLE READING PROGRAM
Week 8, February 19-25
○ Leviticus 8-11; Psalm 110; Hebrews 4
○ Leviticus 12-14; Psalm 111; Hebrews 5
○ Leviticus 15-18; Psalm 31; Hebrews 6
○ Leviticus 19-20; Hebrews 7
○ Leviticus 21-23; Hebrews 8

STAFF ON CALL
Sunday, February 19:
Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791
Saturday, February 25:
Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765
Sunday, February 26:
Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

SERMON SCHEDULE
Wednesday, February 22 | 6pm
Moses on the Mountain
Exodus 24
Message by Ian Worrell

Sunday, February 26 | 10am
The Centrality of the Gospel in a Biblically Shaped Church
1 Timothy 3:16
Message by Paul Thompson

Midweek Schedule

6:00pm	Midweek Worship, Fellowship Ctr
	Preschool, Birth-K5, Preschool Building
	Children, Grades 1-5, Kids Worship Room
	Students, Grades 6-12, Student Room
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:00am	Call to Prayer, Parlor
8:30am	Life Group
10:00am	Worship, Fellowship Center
	Kid's Worship, Grades 1-5, Chapel (except 1st Sunday)
11:00am	Worship Broadcast on JoyFM 94.3/96.1 with a 1 wk delay.

I'm New Here
To fill out a digital Connect Card or learn more about Calvary, please use your smartphone camera to scan the QR Code.

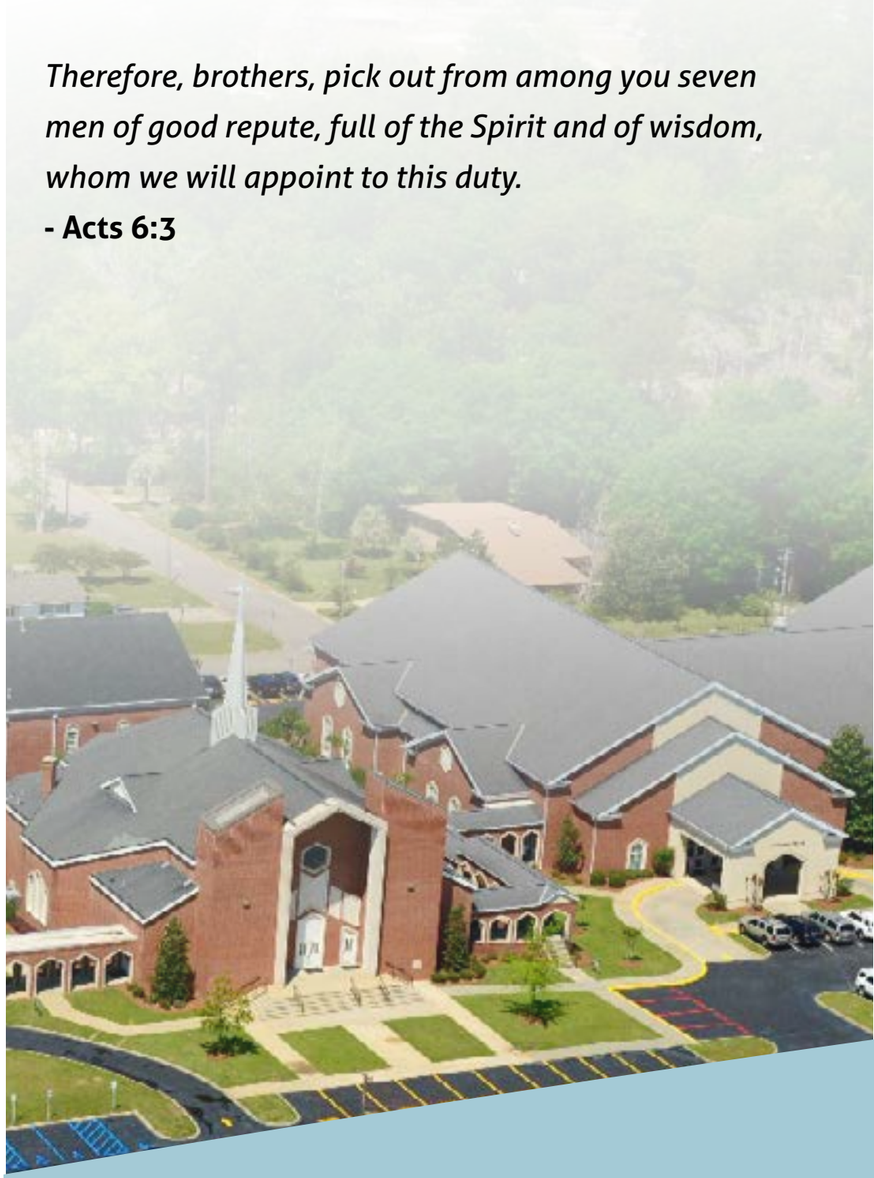
How to Become a Christian
Want more information about how to become a Christian? Go to calvarydothan.com/how-to-become-a-christian/.

If you would like to view a pdf of today's sermon notes, go to calvarydothan.com/messages.

Ministry Staff

Paul Thompson	Senior Pastor
Charles Uptain	Executive Pastor
Dan Tankersley	Discipleship
Patrick Lima	Worship
Tommy Perry	Missions
Joyce Alexander	Preschool
Zach Daniels	Children
Reagan Farris	Students
Randy Hunt	Senior Adults

Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty.
- Acts 6:3



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