ZION
BAPTIST CHURCH
SERVING THE FAMILY OF GOD SINCE 1864

Deacon's Ministry Semiannual Report

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"Purposed To Lead."

Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.
II Corinthians 5:20

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

We thank the Lord for all that He has done, for what He is doing, and for what He will do in the future. We are grateful for His continued blessings as we move forward in doing His will and serving this wonderful congregation. As we expand the ministry of Zion Baptist Church in this new era, we pray for His guidance as we strive to fulfill His purpose in our service to His people.

Deacons
There are currently 35 active deacons—26 women and 9 men. Additionally, there are 24 Emeritus Deacons, comprising 14 women and 10 men. In 2025, our longest-serving deacon, Deacon Emeritus Prince Edward Willis, Jr., went home to be with the Lord. His leadership and presence in the Diaconate will be greatly missed.

Overview
The Deacons Ministry of Zion Baptist Church continues to faithfully carry out its responsibilities, including administering the ordinances of baptism and communion, conducting the intake process for new disciples, visiting the sick and shut-in, supporting the bereaved, and ministering to the needs of the Pastor and the congregation. We also extend support, service, and prayer to both our church members and the broader community. In partnership with the Prayer Ministry, we support the weekly Prayer Call every Wednesday at 11:30 AM.

The Deacons Ministry continues to strengthen its connection with all members of Zion through the Sheepfold Ministry, which is inspired by the books of the New Testament. The names of the eight (8) Sheepfolds are: Philippians, Colossians, James, Ephesians, Galatians, Jude, Hebrews and Philemon with each having a unique color. For more information on the Sheepfolds go to the https://ziondc.org/sheepfold-colors/. Every disciple of Zion is assigned to a Sheepfold and receives regular correspondence from the Diaconate Leaders of their group. The most recent communication from the deacons to their respective Sheepfold members occurred during the

Easter season. Deacons remain committed to engaging with the congregation to preserve our strong family church environment.

Diaconate Fund
We thank the Zion church family for their faithful and generous contributions to the Diaconate Fund. This fund continues to provide financial assistance to Zion members, their families, and even nonmembers within the community. We also offer support to the sick and help cover repast expenses for homegoing services held at ZBC.

A summary of the funds received and distributed is provided in the attached Diaconate Fund report. Given the current increased needs in our community, we appeal once again to your generosity in supporting the Diaconate Fund.

To God be the Glory for all He has done and for what He will continue to do for Zion Baptist Church.

In His Service,

Deacon Rohan G. Williamson, Chair