

# Deacon Ministry Emphasis

JANUARY 8-14, 2012

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<i>Number of Active Deacons</i>	<i>Dates of Participation</i>	
<i>Projects Conducted</i>		



## DEACON MINISTRY EMPHASIS

**Deacon Ministry Emphasis** is a plan with specific actions that highlight deacon ministries and involve deacon training and service.

The Purpose of Deacon Emphasis is to:

- Focus on their biblical role
- Build team relationships
- Secure involvement in ministries
- Develop skills for ministry

## When and How?

May be conducted at any time during the year, however, January 8-14, 2012, is designated by the MBCB as the week to emphasize deacon ministry. To participate, the deacons would choose at least two actions and perform them during a specified time. See the possible activities listed in this brochure. A certificate of recognition will be presented to each deacon body that participates.

For other projects and information, contact:

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### A Ministry of the Cooperative Program

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## Suggested Activities

- Conduct a deacon's retreat or training event
- Enter the Deacon Family Ministry Plan
- Conduct Pastor/Staff Appreciation Day
- Sponsor a special ministry project
- Conduct prayer/planning retreat with church leaders
- Sponsor a mission trip or tour
- Enter Deacon/Pastor Covenant to work together as partners in ministry
- Plan and conduct worship service
- Subscribe to *The Deacon* magazine for all deacons
- Promote and pray for revival
- Develop a mission/purpose statement
- Conduct activities to strengthen church fellowship
- View and study video tapes
- Conduct efforts to reclaim inactive church members
- Develop committee leadership
- Conduct an in-house survey of the local church needs and resources
- Conduct a demographics study
- Conduct deacon-led witnessing/visitation/prospect-find activities
- Study deacon resource materials
- Assist staff in Discovering Spiritual Gifts study
- Train worship decision counselors

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## RESOURCES FOR DEACON MINISTRY

### The Basics\*

- *Deacons: Growing in Character and Communication Kit* (Henry)
- *Deacons: Servant Models in the Church* (updated)
- *Developing Deacon Ministry Teams* (Garner/Temple)
- *Handbook for Planning Deacon Ministry* (Sheffield)
- *Help! I'm a Deacon's Wife*
- *A Deacon Ministry That Works* (Chandler)
- *Deacons – Partners in Ministry* (Henry series)
- *Now That You're a Deacon* (Foshee)
- *Honoring the Ministry: Honoring the Leaders God Gives Your Church* (Miller)
- *The Deacon* magazine

### Deacon Family Ministry Plan Resources\*

- *The Deacon Family Ministry Plan Resource Book*
- *How Can A Deacon Help You?*
- *The Deacon Family Ministry Plan Really Works*
- *Deacon Family Information Form*
- *Deacon Family Ministry Monthly Report Form*
- *Deacon Lapel Pin*
- *Certificate of Ordination* (Parchment)
- *Ordination Bulletin – Fishers of Men*
- *Unleashing the Power of Deacon-Led Ministry Teams*

### Equipping Deacons Books\*

- *Equipping Deacons to Confront Conflict*
- *Equipping Deacons in Caring Skills*
- *Equipping Deacons in Caring Skills, Vol. 2*

### Deacons Retreats

- Servant Leadership
- Deacon Ministry Teams
- Making Peace

### Other Resources\*

- *Kingdom Principles for Church Growth*
- *To Dream Again*
- *The Purpose Driven Church*
- *Church Officer and Committee Guide Book*
- *Serving God: Discovering and Using Your Spiritual Gifts*
- *Support Your Pastor* (NavPress)
- *The Baptist Faith and Message*
- *Jesus on Leadership*
- *Pastor and Staff Search Committee Guide*
- *Honoring the Ministry*

### Equipping Deacons as Servant Leaders Video Series

Available from Communication Services, MBCB

- VC0611 Vol. 1: *The Deacon and His Ministry (to Couples in Conflict, to the Divorced, to the Terminally Ill, to the Bereaved)*
- VC0612 Vol. 2: *Deacon Visitation Skills (Visiting the Unsaved; Visiting the Church Prospect; Visiting Inactive Church Members; Visiting New Members; Visiting the Sick)*
- VC0613 Vol. 3, No. 1: *Ministering to the Unemployed; Ministering to the Chemically Dependent and their Families; Ministering to Abused Persons*
- VC0614 Vol. 3, No. 2: *Ministering to Caregivers of Elderly Parents; Ministering to Those in Financial Stress; Ministering to Irregular Families*
- VC0615 Vol. 3, No. 3: *Deacons as Personal Witnesses; Deacons Modeling Christian Maturity; Deacons Understanding Baptist Policy*
- VC0616 Vol. 3, No. 4: *Deacons Understanding Pastoral Ministries, Planning an Effective Deacon Ministry; Deacons Organized for Ministry*

\*Available from your local LifeWay Christian Store  
or Customer Service Center in Nashville