From the Pastor

Please read this letter from the Deacon Ministry:

From your Deacon Chairman:

It is with great humbleness that I write to you as your new Chairman of the Deacon Ministry at Stetson Baptist Church. I am truly blessed to be called to serve God at our church, right now, at this time.

There comes a time in every organization’s life that it has to change and adapt in order to reach and/or maintain its fullest potential. Our Deacon Ministry is undergoing such a transition. I have heard comments recently that lead me to believe many of our members don’t see our deacons ministering to our church. I hope we can change that perception this year.

Our vision is to be the Deacons you have called us to be; to provide a ministry of Prayer, Care and Service. We believe that to fulfill our vision, we need to change how we minister to you and our community. We have fewer deacons this year than we have had in a long time and were only able to recommend two new candidates who met our expectations and were willing to serve. As a result, we have decided that we can no longer continue with the Deacon Family Ministry and will revisit it once we have a sufficient number of deacons to make it work. We are continuing in the nomination process and hope we can recommend more deacon candidates to you in the near future.

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Going forward, our emphasis will be on ministries that we feel meet the spiritual and physical needs of those we serve. They are led by deacons who currently are active (serving an elected term) and inactive (not serving an elected term), but have all been ordained and elected as deacons by our church. The following are current Deacon-led ministries, or ministries we are in the process of developing. If you would like to serve our members and community in one of these ministries, or have a need we can help with, please let us know. Contact the Ministry Team Leader or email us at deacons@stetsonbaptistchurch.org with your contact information and the ministry you would like more information on. The Ministry Team Leader will follow up with you.

- First Contact Ministry visiting first time visitors- led by Jerry Gill.
- Nursing Home/Home Bound providing visitation and quarterly Lord's Supper- led by Frank Wood
- Quarterly Lord's Supper- led by Rob McShane
- Men's Prayer Breakfast meeting monthly for fellowship, devotion and service- led by Lavon Wilson
- Prayer Room Ministry during each worship service- led by Ben Beck
- Widows Ministry to assist in minor home repairs and lawn maintenance- led by David Hunt
- Homeless Ministry led by Gary Stewart

We look forward to serving you in these and future ministries at Stetson Baptist Church. I hope you will take this opportunity to join with us as we serve our Lord, our church and our world. We covet your prayers and encourage you to contact the Deacon Leadership Team (myself, Ken Fuller, Frank Wood & Dan Glenn) or any of our deacons if we can minister to you.

Yours in Christ,
David Hunt
2013 SBC Deacon Chair
We need your skills whether it be plumbing, carpentry, painting, masonry, etc. There’s plenty of work to be done, inside and out. If you have chainsaws, painting equipment, pointed shovels or pressure washers, please bring them.

SBCS Book Fair
February 25th-March 1st
In the Chapel during school hours.
The Book Fair will have extended hours on Wednesday, February 27th to allow church members to come browse and shop during Family Supper time.

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