



# The Lake Harbour Herald

## May 2, 2010

### Dustin, On Deacons



A season of blessing is truly upon us at Lake Harbour. Already in 2010, we have installed two terrific men to our eldership, continually breach the 200 bearer in our morning assemblies, have experienced a surge in Bible class attendance across the boards - despite being confined to one building - and now have turned our attention to appointing new deacons. Those prospects are Dusty Reynolds and Greg Palmer. Let's remember to keep these men in our prayers.

As we look to install new deacons, I thought it might be helpful for us to answer some questions regarding them. Accordingly: *Who may become a deacon? What are the roles of deacons? Do deacons have authority within the body of Christ? If so, are there limitations to how much authority? How long should one serve as a deacon? How can we be helpful to our deacons?*

**Who may become a deacon?** **1 Timothy 3.8-13** clearly teaches - among other things - that deacons are to be **men**, "*for they are to be married to one wife*" (**v.12**). It is important to remember that ancient words, like "deacon," had many different contexts. For example, Phoebe was a deacon of the church in Cenchrea according to **Romans 16.1**, but we know that this isn't the same context as the "church appointed deacon" which Paul speaks of in **1 Timothy 3** - for Phoebe was not and could not be married to one wife. Since the world literally meant "to taste," "to wait tables" and "to serve," it is NOT difficult to see how one could be called "deacon" without being a "church appointed deacon." Back in **1 Timothy 3**, a deacon is also said to be a father and one who manages his household well (**v.12**). These men need to be respectable, sincere, grounded in Scripture and not taken to bad habits like pursuing dishonest gain and getting drunk (**vv. 8-10**). A deacon is also qualified by his wife, who is to be "worthy of respect, not a malicious talker but temperate and trustworthy in everything" (**v. 11**). When men meet these qualifications, they are to "be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons" (**v. 10**).

**What are the roles of deacons?** The truth is, Scripture never gives us details into the service of deacons. We do know, however, that the word "deacon" carried the idea of "service out of love." Jesus taught his disciples this over and over throughout the Gospels. For example, in **Mark 9.35** Jesus said to his disciples, "*If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant (deacon) of all.*" Jesus understood that "*loving your neighbor*" meant "serving your neighbor." So just as He served the needs of others, so are the deacons to serve the needs of the church. Thus, while we may not have clear examples of the ministry of deacons in the Bible, we can know that their roles are defined by the needs and ministries of the body of Christ.

**Do deacons have authority within the body of Christ? If so, are there limitations?** The answer to this question is "yes" and "no." No, because Scripture never speaks of deacons as having any sort of authority within the body of Christ. Again, the word means "servant," "helper," and "assistant." Yet, in **Philippians 1.1**, Paul does address the letters to the Elders and Deacons - giving some inclination that deacons were recognized in a leadership position. This also further confirms that the "deaconship" is a "church appointed office." To put the position of a deacon into perspective we could say, deacons lead by their service, while elders lead by the authority entrusted to them (**Titus 1.7**). However, the answer to this question is also "yes" because the Elders may choose to give deacons amounts of authority so that adequate service may be rendered to a particular need of the church, without a micro-managed system being enforced. In other words, the Elders give the deacons the amount of freedom and authority they need to accomplish their assigned task.

**How long should one serve as a deacon?** Again, the Bible doesn't speak to this question specifically. If we have correctly understood that "deacons" are servants of the body of Christ, then we may safely assume that deacons are to serve as long as their service is needed. On the other hand, if a deacon were to fail to meet the qualifications set forth in **1 Timothy 3.8-13**, or if he lost the desire to serve, it would be best for him to resign from this position.

**How can we be helpful to our deacons?** We can be helpful to our deacons by realizing the value of their service - not just to ourselves - but to the body of Christ as a whole. These men aren't seeking glory or praise, they are rendering a service that allows the church to grow and thrive. We can also be helpful to our deacons by praying for them and letting them know how much they are appreciated on a regular basis.

**Attendance & Contribution Record  
For The Week of 04-25-10**

A.M. Classes / Avg.	148 / 131
A.M. Worship / Avg.	221 / 196
P.M. Worship / Avg.	104 / 118
Wed. Classes / Avg.	111 / 124
Offering	\$6,316.81
YTD Average	\$5,912.94
Budget	\$6,000.00
Total Commitment	\$539,182.00
Building Fund (TTD)	\$172,079.36

*Growth Goal in 2010 is 210*

**ASSIGNMENTS**

**Prepare Communion:**

May: Eddie & Bevilyn Perkins  
June: Theodore & Jackie Smith



**Attend Nursery:**

May 2: Barbara George & Tineka George



May 9: Tameika McElroy & Tassi Jones

**UMC Playroom:**  
TBA



**MISSIONS**

Fishers of Men

**MAGNOLIA MESSENGER**  
San Miguel de Allende, Mexico  
Jerry Bates - World Evangelism  
J.C. Enlow - Global Missions  
Terry Martin - South Africa  
Rocco Pierce - Pacific Islands  
**GOSPEL BROADCASTING**  
NETWORK GBNTV.org  
**IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY**  
Jackson Ch. 18, Sun. 8 a.m. / Tues. 8 p.m.  
Act Ch. 98, Tues. 8:00 p.m. / Thurs. 8:00 p.m.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**



Chey Johnson, Tommie Crocker, Henry Killeen & Betty Killeen, Virginia Hamblin & family, Tony & Margaret Mickholtzick, Danny Magee, Joyce Saucier, Terry Wilburn (Tony Wilburn's brother), Michael Robinson, Don Donaldson, Shanna Holder, Richard Brooks' brother, Margaret Mickholtzick's mother, Ashley Grant (Virginia Hamblin's niece), Jerry Blaylock, Pauline Blaylock (Jerry's mother), Justin Carter (Iraq), & the Tornado victims

**OUR SHUT INS**

Nellie Murray, Lucy Pate, Joy Riggs,  
Ronnie Hampton, Frances Stogner, George Jefferson

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**VISITORS:** Please be sure to get your free copies of the two books located in the foyer: *THE GLORY AND AGONY OF THE CROSS* and *INTO THE ABUNDANT LIFE*.

**PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, & VISITORS:** For your convenience, LHD has prepared a cry room for your babies which is upstairs overlooking the auditorium.

**MEMBERS:** Today we will install two more deacons. Congratulations to Greg Palmer & Dusty Reynolds.

**KITCHEN COMMITTEE:** We will meet today in the resource room following morning worship.

**LADIES NIGHT OUT:** Tuesday, May 18, 6:30 P.M. at PF Chang.

**Important: Blood Drive Date Change**

The LHD Blood Drive has been rescheduled  
for June 13, 2010 from 2-5 P.M.

There will be a new sign up sheet & flyers posted  
throughout the building this week.

*MS Blood Services* can accommodate

up to 3 donors at a time

& only takes about 15 minutes.

We **NEED** at least 25 donors.



# YOUTH NEWS

If you have not paid your money for the Spring Retreat @ SLCC, the cost to attend is \$15 per person - this includes meals and lodging - please do so today.

## WHAT TO BRING?

Bible  
Christian Attitude  
Proper Toiletries  
Sleeping Bag or Sheets and Pillow  
Clothes you don't care to get dirty.  
A light jacket or blanket.

We will leave the church building May 7 around 4:00 P.M. All attendees must travel on the van or with an adult chaperone (no exceptions). We will return May 9 at approximately 1:30 P.M.

## CHANGE:

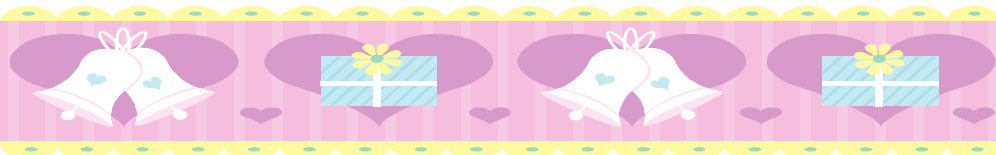
Senior day has been moved to May 30, 2010.



## Bridal Shower...

*for Chris Magee and his bride-to-be Nikki Hooton, Today from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. at the home of Beth Pigg. Chris is the son of Danny and Linda Magee.*

*The wedding is May 22, in Bryant, Ark. There are flyers on the foyer table with directions to the Pigg's house.*



## Privileged to Serve in the Assembly

Please meet in the library for prayer and line up by 10:20 A.M.

### This Week

#### Sunday, May 2, A.M.

Announcements: Ron Morgan  
Ushers: Harold Hall  
Harold Hall, Jr.  
Cameron Magee  
Scripture: Danny Magee  
Song Director: Dustin Abbott  
Opening Prayer:  
Lord's Table:  
(Presiding) John Proctor  
Joe Blalock  
Brian Winfield  
Carl Young

Closing Prayer: Dusty Reynolds

#### Sunday, May 2, P.M.

Announcements: Terrence Freeman  
Song Director: Danny Magee  
Opening Prayer: Jimmy Braggs  
Lord's Table:  
(Presiding) Harold Hall  
Harold Hall, Jr.

Closing Prayer: Robin Crocker

#### Wednesday, May 5, P.M.

Song Director: Tony Wilburn  
Closing prayer: L.C. Reese

### Next Week

#### Sunday, May 9, A.M.

Announcements: Tony Mickholtzick  
Ushers: Roderick Jones, Jr.  
Roderick Jones  
Stephen Lum  
Song Director: Greg Palmer  
Opening Prayer: Morris Houston  
Lord's Table:  
(Presiding) Marion Freeman  
Marlin Ivey  
L.C. Reese

Closing Prayer: Richard Watkins  
Bill Underwood

#### Sunday, May 9, P.M.

Announcements: Johnny Sisco  
Song Director: David May  
Opening Prayer: Curtis Taft  
Lord's Table:  
(Presiding) Roderick Jones  
Roderick Jones, Jr.  
Closing Prayer: Ollie Hamblin

#### Wednesday, May 12, P.M.

Song Director: Roderick Jones, Jr.  
Closing prayer: Dusty Reynolds

If you are unable to serve,  
please contact Bill Sowell at  
601-927-5165 or Johnny Sisco  
at 601-941-5139.



**A.M. SERMON BY JOHN PIGG**

**“Let Them Serve As Deacons”**

I Timothy 3:8-13

I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of deacons.

II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of deacons.

III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of deacons.

**PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR CELL PHONE.**

**SINGING EMPHASIS NIGHT**

**DEVO BY JOHN PIGG**

**“Singing: A Beautiful Way To Express Our Heart”**

**NURSERY AVAILABLE FROM BIRTH-2 YRS OLD.**

**ELDERS**

**Marion Freeman** 601.859.6836  
**Morris Houston** 601.829.3611  
**Marlin Ivey** 769.251.0136  
**L.C. Reese** 601.832.2004  
**Bill Underwood** 601.992.5167

**DEACONS**

**Tim Beyea** (Buildings & Grounds)  
**Terrance Freeman** (Ladies' Ministry)  
**Trayon George** (Bereaved / Greeters / Hospital / Sick)  
**Danny Magee** (Young Adults / Singing Emphasis)  
**Eddie Perkins** (Evangelism / Missions)  
**John Proctor** (Senior Saints)  
**Bill Sowell** (Worship / Nursery)  
**Freddie Williams** (Care Groups / Fellowship / Library)

**TIMES OF SERVICE**

**Sunday Classes** 9:30 a.m.  
**Morning Worship** 10:30 a.m.  
**Evening Worship** 6:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday Classes** 7:00 p.m.

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