

Deacons' Meeting/Dream Session Agenda
April 26, 11:30-2:00, College Church, Room 236

11:30: Lunch & Circle Discussions:

- Welcome & Introducing the 4 Questions—Larry Long
- Prayer of Thankfulness—Chris Mitchell
- Table Discussion:
 - What is your call story as a deacon?
 - Do you understand your role as a deacon at CC? (The ministry you are part of & your role in it? The shepherding group you are part of & your role in it?)
 - What would you like to do more of *and* less of as a deacon?
 - How can the elders and staff support your better?

12:00/15: Empowering Deacons to Deacon:

- Songs & Prayer—Todd Miller & Daniel Hutcherson
- Your Call Story as a Deacon (Popcorn Sharing)—Facilitated by Jordan Guy
- Welcome & Impetus for this Gathering—Larry Long
- “What Happens When Deacons Dream (Acts 6)”—Jordan Guy

12:45: Dreaming Together as Deacons:

- Discussing the Remaining 3 Questions—Facilitated by Larry Long
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1:55: Closing Thoughts

- Next Steps—Larry Long
- A Word of Encouragement & Prayer—Darren Mathews

WHEN DEACONS DREAM

Jordan Guy

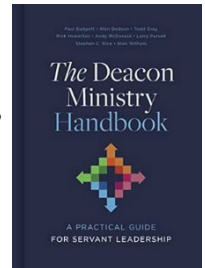
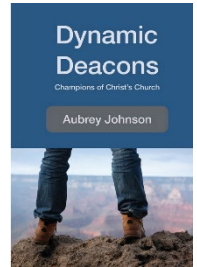
PART 1: DEACON CALL STORIES

- **Share your Call Story (3-5 people):** How did you become a deacon—Saul of Tarsus example or just an elder tapping you on the shoulder? Why have you stayed a deacon? Why do you keep saying “yes” to servant-leadership?

PART 2: WHEN DEACONS DREAM

3 Books to Consider

- **Dynamic Deacons** (Aubrey Johnson, Preacher, Old Hickory COC): Deacons are like Aaron & Hur who lifted up the hands of Moses, like David’s Mighty Men (the Special Forces of the Church), like First Responders (Mt 25—“I was sick & in prison & you visited me”).
- **Deacon Ministry Handbook** (Various Contributors, Southern Baptist Convention, KY)—A step-by-step guide & Personal checklist—have I helped an elder today? Have I visited the sick? Have I helped navigate conflict? Plus, how to visit the sick in the hospital, do a funeral, study the Bible. How deacons can meet together to lead as a united force for the Church.
- **Deacons** (Matt Smethurst, Pastor of River City Baptist Church)—Helpful interpretation of Acts 6. Includes Deacon Faith Stories. Also highlights Jesus as the first Deacon (Servant-Leader, Mk 10:45—“I came not to be deaconed but to deacon...”).



The Call Story of the 1st Deacons (Acts 6:1-7)

- “Disciples increasing” (A church of 8,000+)
- Division Stirring (Greek vs. Hebrew-Speaking Widows Meal Service)
- Apostles’ Role was Preaching and Praying. Needed New Role for “Serving Tables.”
- The Early Church Chose 7 Men with qualities of wisdom & the Holy Spirit.
- The Apostles confirmed & sent them out to fulfill the role.
- The Word of God spread, because everyone was doing their part—Apostles were preaching the Word/praying, deacons were serving, disciples were testifying...

Questions to Consider

1. What would the Church in Acts 6 looked like without Deacons?
 - a. Division, Starvation, Apostles unable to do their job, Deacons not empowered
2. What did the Church look like with Deacons?
 - a. Problem Identified
 - b. Deacons Chosen & Empowered (told what to do but not how to do it—vision & autonomy)
 - c. The 7 Deacons put their heads together & fixed the Problem (full of H.S. & Wisdom)
 - d. Becomes a pattern for every local church (Phil 1:1)
3. What would College Church look like without Deacons? Without You? What does College Church look like with Deacons? With you? How have you seen Deacons/Yourself make a difference?

Model:

- Elders lead ministry
- Deacons facilitate ministry
- Members do ministry

Conclusion: Thank you for saying ‘yes’ and continually saying ‘yes’ to serve the church, support the elders, and keep the church united and thriving. It may go unsaid, but it needs to be said more—thank you!

THE MINISTRY AREAS OF COLLEGE CHURCH

Ministry Areas

1. Evangelism
2. Missions
3. Involvement & Benevolence
4. College Ministry
5. Stewardship
6. Edification
7. Worship

Ministry Committees

1. Administration & Finance
2. Benevolence
3. Caring and Sharing
4. College
5. Communication
6. Disciple Making Outreach
7. Family Ministry
8. Involvement Ministry
9. Missions Ministry
10. Prison and Jail Ministry
11. Worship

22+ Ministries

1. Administration/Finance
2. Foreign Missions
3. Domestic Missions
4. World Bible School
5. World English Institute
6. Chinese Ministry
7. Discipleship (Local/Personal Evangelism)
8. Prison/Jail
9. Caring & Sharing
10. His House
11. Lord's Army (Disaster Relief/Emergency)
12. Children's & Upper-Elementary
13. Youth Ministry
14. College Ministry
15. Young Adults
16. Marriages & Parenting
17. Involvement & Small Groups
18. Seniors Ministry
19. Women's Ministry
20. Adult Education
21. Worship
22. Communications Ministry

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