

Lake Ivie Baptist Association

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Upcoming Events!

OCTOBER EVENTS

October 4—Brady breakfast, 8:30 am
Down Home Country Cooking

October 11—Coleman breakfast,
8:30am Hidalgo's

October 17 – NEW Church Kickoff, at
Ball Ranch, Abilene, Meal 6:30pm,
Praise & Worship following

October 18- Ballinger Breakfast,
8:30am, Beefasters

October 24 – ANNUAL Meeting at
Glen Cove Baptist Church, 4:00PM
Ya'll Come!
"SEE attachment"

October 31 – Halloween

NOVEMBER EVENTS

November 1st—Brady breakfast, 8:30
am Down Home Country Cooking

November 8—Coleman breakfast,
8:30am Hidalgo's

November 11 – VETERAN'S DAY

November 15- Ballinger Breakfast,
8:30am, Beefasters

To Meet LIBA Budget,
\$8,850 is needed per month.
September, 2021 giving was
\$ 8,078
"Praise The Lord"

Association News



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Thoughts For The Day:

*"He who reads the newspaper knows
what's going on in the world. He
who reads the Bible, knows Why."*

"God doesn't change according to our
circumstances. He remains the same.
Yet, He is the One who CAN change
our circumstances in order for His glory
to be revealed in us!"

"At my worst, God is my best?"

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Keith's Konnections...

After writing about the roles and responsibilities of pastors, as well as their expectations and exasperations, I felt this month that we needed to address another leadership position within the church and that is the role of the deacon or elder within the church. Pastors are CALLED, but deacons are ELECTED. Some deacons may or may not FEEL a calling for the role, and if they don't, then maybe they should decline the offer to become a deacon. First, and very possibly, the foremost Biblical calling of a deacon should be based upon the idea that he is to be a "servant leader," with more emphasis on the "servant" part than on the "leader" part. Certainly, they are expected to exhibit that ability and willingness to serve, along with their spirituality being evidenced in how they live their lives, communicate with others within and without the church, and how they serve their families as well.

Deacons oftentimes can either MAKE the church or they can BREAK the church, because they are being scrutinized in the community almost as much as the pastor is. So, how they ACT is much more important than WHAT they say. There was a song that came out a few years ago that said, "Your walk talks and your talk talks, but your walk talks louder than your talk talks." They are not in competition with the pastor, but should be a SUPPLEMENT to the pastor as they fulfill their roles. They come alongside the pastor to develop a vision, a strategic plan, a mission and purpose for the church, and then to help implement those ideas into the church's functioning. Deacons also help the pastor with problem solving within the church, whether it relates to conflict resolution, winning souls to the Lord, helping with the Lord's Supper, and many other responsibilities. They DO NOT run the church, but rather are there to help the pastor put into place those plans to further the Kingdom of God in their respective communities.

As per coming alongside the pastor, there are some roles that the deacons can assume from the pastor that can take a HUGE load off him. If a church expects their pastor to do EVERYTHING, you will soon be looking for another pastor because he will either burn up and burn out, or become overwhelmed and quit; OR the church will ask him to leave because of his inability to do EVERYTHING that EVERY member thinks he should be able to do. Even Jesus assigned tasks to his disciples and when you look at the beginnings of the New Testament church in the book of Acts, you see "deacons" assisting with all aspects of the church's function. Just a few of the things that deacons can assist in is hospital visits, nursing home visits, witnessing, the Lord's Supper preparation and distribution, possible hunger needs in the community, and many others. The pastor's job is to EQUIP his deacons to take on some of these roles. "And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers FOR THE EQUIPPING of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." (Ephesians 4:11-12) "Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, who we may appoint over this business, but we (pastors) will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word." Acts 6:3-4.

I might even go so far as to say this: A church without a viable, functional, and active deacon body is NOT going to be able to fulfill God's will in that church. Dr. David Jeremiah said this one time, "A great commitment to the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) and the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:37-38) will lead to a great church with great Christians." It is up to the leadership of the church to fulfill these two things through the cooperation between the pastor, the deacons and the church body.

God bless you as we all "contend for the faith." Jude, verse 3