

**Central Baptist Church**  
**Deacon Council Minutes**  
**March 18, 2024**

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Chairman David Taylor welcomed the deacons and opened with a prayer asking the Lord to bless the Deacon Council's work in serving the Church and to glorify the Lord in all we do.

Deacon Led Devotional

Paul Gray reminded the Deacon Council that Central Baptist Church has a rich legacy of faithful leaders and teachers, including Chaplain Lee and Joyce Gray. When Paul was a boy, Lee would tell Paul and his four sisters to always "remember who you are and to whom you belong." It was Lee's reminder to trust in the name of the Lord. As King David said in Psalms 20:7, "Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God."

Paul also shared that as FBI agents remain vigilant against potential threats when providing personal protection for the US Attorney General, we as believers need to remain vigilant against satan. As stated by the Apostle Peter in 1 Peter 5:8, "Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith. Because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of suffering."

Approval of Deacon Council Minutes

A motion was made by Bob Fife and seconded by Elaine Canaday to approve the minutes from the February 19 meeting. The motion was unanimously approved by the members present.

Season of Prayer

Vice-Chair Donna Harlan handed out cards for the deacons to mail to all CBC members on the Prayer List. Donna asked Debbie Taylor and Darrell Corpening to lead the Deacon Council in a prayer for ourselves and those on the prayer sheet with a focus on God's love for us and our love for each other.

Pastor's Update

Dr. Hood shared that Michael Svendsen is fully on board as our Worship Pastor and thanked everyone for helping make the Svendsen's family feel welcome. The Council will ask Michael to join the April meeting.

Dr. Hood also mentioned the great turnouts for the Saturday morning men's prayer breakfasts. He thanked Brandon for organizing the breakfasts and said plans are being developed to hold the May breakfast at Winged Deer Park.

The Congregational Care and Education Pastor Search Committee has developed a job description and will review it with the CMR Committee on Wednesday, March 20. Following their review and approval, the search committee will post the position.

The Personnel Committee will meet with a prospective Pre-School and Children's Director on Tuesday, March 19. The committee will also be considering some changes and recommendations for enhancing church security at this meeting.

Dr. Hood informed the Deacon Council the Ordination Service for Kathy Gray has been set for Sunday, March 24 at 5:00 pm. Paul Gray will lead the invocation prayer and David Taylor will lead the ordination prayer.

Dr. Hood encouraged service deacons responsible for taking up the offering at both worship services to bring the offering plates back to the front of the sanctuary following the offering. Deacon Captains should be extra cautious in checking the offering plates to ensure the entire contents are placed in the offering box located in the Welcome Corridor. The Deacon Captain for the 11:00 am worship and a staff member should place the offering box inside the locked church office.

Finally, Dr. Hood presented the following persons for church membership:

- Noah, Katie and Lily Hall and the Al and Gloria Healy by statement of faith
- Jayla ReMine and Alicia Yanchyshyn by baptism

A motion was made by Jeff Keller and seconded by Jason Carder that all the candidates be approved by the Deacon Council for membership in Central Baptist Church. The motion was unanimously approved by the members present.

#### Administrative Business

Vice-Chair Donna Harlan shared the deacon assignments for April. Deacons were encouraged to always find a substitute if they needed to be absent and to meet in the Ushers Room no later than ten minutes before the start of the worship services to organize and pray for the service.

Donna shared the list of deacons that will participate in serving the Lord's Supper at the Good Friday Service on March 29 at 7:00 pm. Deacons are asked to assemble in the Usher's Room at 6:30 pm and to wear black or dark clothes. Rowena Bailey thanked the Deacons that volunteered to read scripture as part of the Good Friday Service. A rehearsal of the service will be held Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 pm.

Deacons of the Week are asked to fill out the Gideon Card for families who have lost a loved one and take it to Kirsten for mailing. If the deacon wants to write their own check for a Bible and mail the card directly, they are asked to let Kirsten know so we can have an accurate record in the office.

Darrell Corpening asked the Deacon Council to consider ways to speed up taking up the offering in the 8:45 am Worship Service.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman David Taylor adjourned the meeting 15 seconds past 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

