

Deacon Covenant

October 28, 2012

The role of deacon is to fulfill Biblical and spiritual mandates as servant-ministers of Tabernacle Baptist Church. As a deacon, I am called to be a role model for fruitful and constructive church membership and to strive to be the presence of Christ in word and action. I will encourage the membership in *worship, service* and *stewardship*. To this extent, I covenant with the congregation to:

- 1) Accept as doctrine and practice the Tabernacle Baptist Church ***Who We Are*** document (attached), as adopted by the Church in Conference on May 4, 2008.
- 2) Watch over the church membership in Christian love, to remember the membership in prayer, and to aid the membership in sickness, loneliness and misfortune. In these capacities, I agree to fully accept the role of deacon minister and will faithfully serve through the current method of deacon family ministry.
- 3) Regularly attend and support the Sunday School, worship services, and deacons meetings. As I am able, I will provide my time and talents to ministries and activities of the church.
- 4) Partner in prayer and in service with the Pastor and staff in support of our mission and ministries.
- 5) Tithe, or be on a path to tithing, in support of the ministries and expenses of the church, the relief of the poor and the spreading of the Gospel throughout the world through the general budget and missions offerings of Tabernacle Baptist Church.
- 6) Strive to cultivate Christian compassion, courtesy, and respect, and seek the Lord's guidance. I will strive to be slow to take offense, always eager to seek the reconciliation Christ commands, and to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. To this end, I will support the Conflict and Communications Policy and Procedures dated February, 2008, and as amended December, 2008 (attached).

Note: Section 5(a) of the Deacons Policies and Procedures is amended as follows: Be in agreement with the Deacon Covenant with the congregation, as approved by the Church in Conference on October 28, 2012.