

A Message from the Chair of the Deacons

With Pastor Mike's recent departure, I wanted to briefly review the process for filling a vacancy in the office of Senior Pastor as outlined in Gayton's constitution.

The first step is for the deacons to form a Senior Pastor Task Group. The senior pastor task group is to consist of twelve members representing the various facets of our church. The first six shall represent their respective organizations or program: one member from the deacons, one member from the SLC, one member from the Worship Council, one member from the Discipleship Council, one member from the Mission Council and one member from Youth. The remaining six positions shall represent the church at large but may be filled by persons who are members of one or more of the enumerated organizations or task groups.

A key part of this process is the forming of this task group. As a result, we are asking that if you feel led to serve on the Senior Pastor Task Group that you please let us know. You can do this by emailing Clay Tompkins, deacon chair, at claytontompkins@yahoo.com by Sunday, July 26.

This is obviously a very important group and will require a fair amount of time, wisdom and discernment. Please be in prayer to determine if God is leading you in this direction.

I also want to assure you that we, as deacons, will be working diligently through this process and are excited to see what the next steps are for Gayton as we follow His leading!

In His Service,

Clay Tompkins

Deacon Chair