

What Is the Role of a Deacon?

- When we compare the qualifications of deacons with the qualifications of elders, it gives us a clue into the role and function of deacons in the church. (1 Timothy 3:1-7, 8-13)
 - A deacon isn't required to be "able to teach" (1 Timothy 3:2), which suggests that teaching isn't a role and responsibility of a deacon.
 - A deacon isn't required to lead the church (1 Timothy 3:5), which suggests that deacons don't have a leading/ruling role in the church. That responsibility belongs to the elders.
- The meaning of the word "deacon" helps explain the role and function of a deacon.
 - The word "deacon" is the English translation of the Greek word *diakonos*.
 - The Greek word *diakonos* is used in four primary ways depending on the context.
 - A table waiter, server, one who serves food, drink, a meal
 - A household servant
 - A letter courier who delivers a message for another
 - One who serves as an assistant to a superior and who has been delegated authority to represent their superior and carry out an assignment on their behalf
- Deacons are the formal assistants to the elders in the church; they serve on the elders' behalf.
- Deacons assist the elders in non-teaching non-ruling/leading tasks in the church.
 - Deacons as the formal assistants to the elders explains why the title "deacon" is never used alone in Scripture but is always paired with "elders."
 - Deacons as the formal assistants to the elders explains why the qualifications of deacons are so similar to the qualifications of elders and why deacons must be examined.
 - Deacons as the formal assistants to the elders explains why the Bible doesn't explain what deacons do and how they're to function in the church.

How Do Deacons Function in Cross Fellowship Church?

- We want to have a team of deacons who assist the elders when needed, rather than task-specific deacons who are responsible for a specific ministry in the church.
- The team of deacons is readily available to assist the elders in two ways: people and projects.

What Are the Qualifications of a Deacon?

- Character qualifications (1 Timothy 3:8, 10)
- Theological qualifications (1 Timothy 3:9)
- Family qualifications (1 Timothy 3:11-12)

How Should We Respond?

- Pray for our deacon and for more deacons.
- Recommend deacons.
- Consider serving as a deacon.



Welcome to Cross Fellowship Church!

We are grateful that you have come to worship with us today and pray you feel welcome. If you have any questions about our church, the service, the sermon, or anything else, we would love to talk to you! Stop by the Welcome Table in the lobby or talk to one of the elders. We also encourage you to complete a Visitor Information Card at the Welcome Table or online at crossfellowshipchurch.org/connect.

Order of Service

Call to Worship: Psalm 150

“Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)”

Corporate Scripture Reading: Psalm 25:11, 16, 18; 1 John 4:9-10

“Grace and Peace”

“You’ve Already Won”

Introduction of New Members

Prayer

Sermon: 1 Timothy 3:8-13

“It Was Finished Upon That Cross”

Partaking of the Lord’s Supper

Prayer and Benediction

Announcements

Elder Recommendations

At our most recent Members’ Meeting, the elders recommended three men as prospective new elders: Matt Campbell, Josh Reasons, and Daniel Sylvester. Take the next few weeks to prayerfully consider whether these men meet the biblical qualifications of elders (1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9). You can also review John’s recent sermon on the role and qualifications of elders. If you have questions or concerns about any of these men meeting the elder qualifications, please reach out to that elder candidate or the current elders. We will vote on these recommendations following the Worship Gathering on April 7.

Good Friday Service

Friday, March 29 / 6:30-7:30 p.m. / New Haven

This special service will be a meaningful time of worship as we reflect on the death of Jesus and prepare our hearts to celebrate his resurrection on Easter Sunday. Childcare will not be provided so that we can worship as a family.

Prayer Gathering

Sunday, April 7 / 4-5:30 p.m. / New Haven

Join us for our church-wide Prayer Gathering. During our time together, we’ll pray for one another and our church, and hear specific testimonies of how God is at work in the lives of some of our members.

Elders

- John Crawford / john.crawford@crossfellowshipchurch.org
- Jared Chasteen / jared.chasteen@crossfellowshipchurch.org

Discipleship Communities

DCs gather in homes on Wednesday evenings to provide leadership, community, encouragement, and accountability as we live as disciples. For more information or to join a DC, visit crossfellowshipchurch.org/dc.

Nursing Mothers

We offer a nursing mothers’ room in the back left (as you face the stage) of the sanctuary.

Children’s Discipleship

To walk alongside parents in teaching children about the good news of Jesus, we offer the following classes.

Sundays at 9 a.m.

- K-2nd grade: rm. 202
- 3rd-6th grade: rm. 206

Sundays during the Worship Gathering

- Infants (ages 6-12 mo.)
- Toddlers (ages 1-2): rm. 206
- Pre-K (ages 3-4): rm. 202

Sundays at 6 p.m.

- Youth group: 7th-12th grade

Offering

Thank you for your generosity! There are a few ways you can give:

- In the offering box on Sundays
- Through the Church Center app (iPhone/Android)
- Online at crossfellowshipchurch.org/give (scan the QR code)

**Please refrain from eating and drinking in the sanctuary. Thank you!*

