

## What is the deacon ministry?

Deacons are available to come alongside those who attend our church regularly who are facing challenging situations. When a need is communicated, deacons will work together to assess the need and respond to it.

Deacons are equipped to provide financial, physical and spiritual support for individuals and families.

Deacons also work to connect people who we serve to the broader Calvary the Hill community through home groups or other ministries in the church. It is our desire that each one feels enfolded in the body even after their experience with the deacons comes to an end.

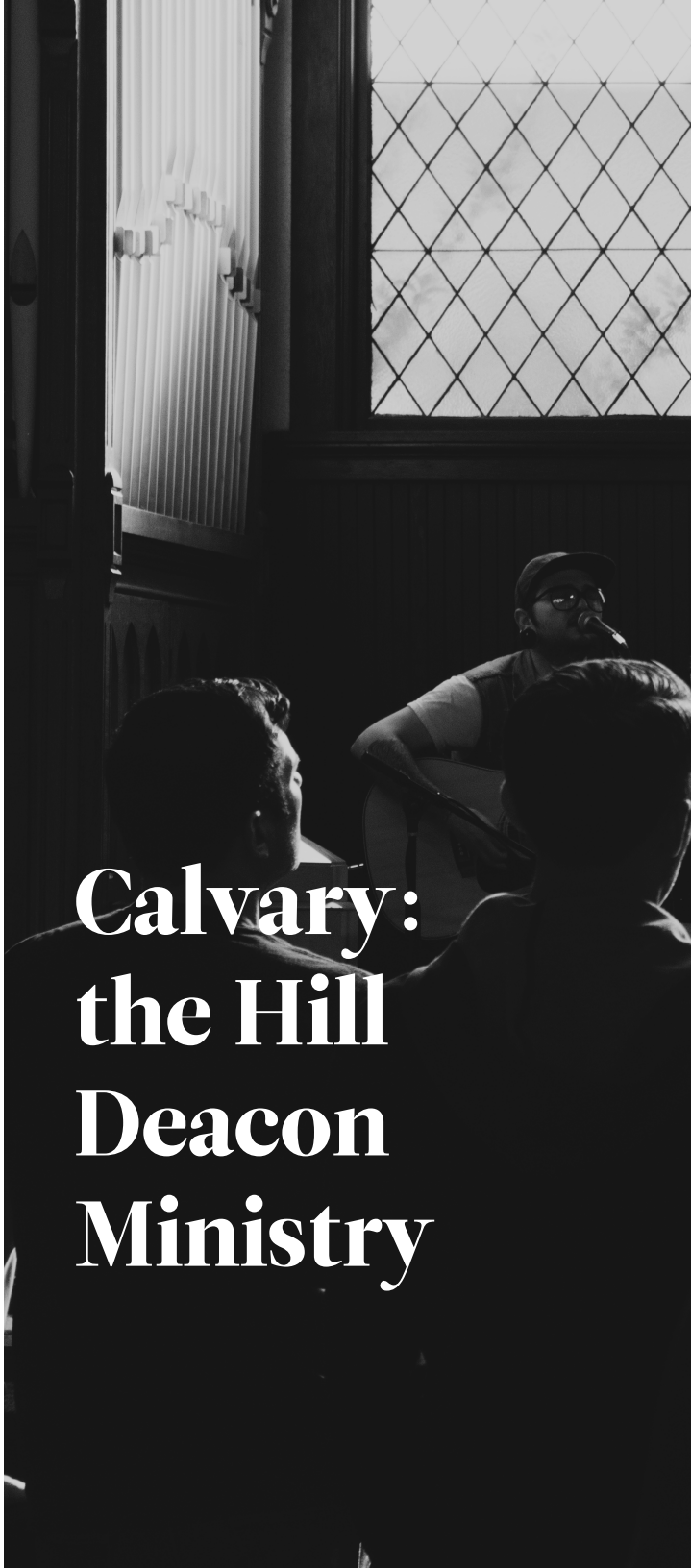
## Things the Diaconate Does

- Provide prayer, encouragement and counsel
- Assists financially in basic living expenses
- Connects people with other support services in our city
- Provides guidance in Biblical Stewardship and budgeting
- Job or Housing Search Support
- Provides accountability for people in pursuing change with the goal of sustainability
- Connects with congregation to provide prepared meals/services for those in transition or need

## Contact the Deacons

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## Vision

We desire for our church to be a family that comes together to meet each others' needs. The Apostle John tells us to love one another not just in word but deed (1 John 3:16-18). Paul says we are to carry one another's burdens, and do good to all with our money, especially those in the church (Galatians 6:1-10). Jesus' parables made clear that there is a close relationship between our love for him and how we treat the poor within the church (Matthew 25:31-46). All Christians are called to show this sort of love for one another. It should be reflected in our individual choices, demonstrated in our home groups, reach beyond our local church to Christians elsewhere. The work of Mercy Ministry is not optional or limited to Christians with specific gifts or callings, instead, it is part of what it means to follow Christ.

By establishing a diaconate, a group of men and women appointed as deacons, we can better fulfill this required, mandated work of the church. As a church we have devoted 10% of the previous year's income to this ministry.

**“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”**  
– Mark 10:45

## The Office of Deacon

Although this responsibility is church-wide for all Christians, we also see a special class of officers, known as deacons established in the New Testament Church to coordinate this ministry. Whereas Pastors tend to the spiritual needs of the church, deacons tend to the physical needs of the church. By establishing a diaconate, a group of men and women appointed as deacons, we can better fulfill this required, mandated work of the church.

**“Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”**  
– Galatians 6:2

## Support the ministry

### Pray.

We desire to be wise and compassionate. Pray that the Lord would provide for every need.

### Refer.

If you are aware of someone that is in need within the church, have them contact us.

### Give.

Donations will be used completely for the needs of the congregation. Make your check payable to Calvary the Hill and memo “Diaconate.” Visit [calvarythehill.com](http://calvarythehill.com) to give online.

### Volunteer.

Sign up for our service bank. Would you offer some time and skills to our community? Here are some ideas:

Prepare and deliver a meal

Childcare

Household tasks or repairs

Budget counseling

Employment counseling

Health insurance help

Provide Transportation