



Welcome to  
**FIRST BAPTIST  
CHURCH OF GASTON**

First Baptist Church  
Gaston



**Wednesday, September 17  
at 7 PM**

Good evening Church family,

I want to personally thank you for attending this very special service in the life of these two young men, as well as the importance of tonight in the life of our Church. For the third straight year, we've been able to ordain men to the Deacon Ministry here at First Baptist. What a blessing it is to do this! May tonight be an encouragement and fire starter in the lives of Matt, Eden, Walker, and Megan as they seek to serve Christ and His Bride in this role. May this be a refresher for those who are already serving as Deacons, as to what God expects in this office. May this be an encouragement to the Church of how we are all to serve King Jesus and make much of Him! Below is an updated list of our current Deacon Body and the years which they rotate off.

Heyward Kelly, Sn-U, (2026)  
Chris Vidrine, I-K, (2026)  
Keith Ray, C-D, (2026)  
Mike Rollison, A-B, (2027)  
Noel Pound, L-M, (2027)  
Troy Peele, E-F, (2027)  
Stafford Johnson, Sa-Sm (2027)  
Chris Pound, G-H, (2028)  
Matt Barfield, Q-R, (2028)  
Walker Spires, V-Z, (2028)  
Duane Johnson, N-P, (2028)

I love all of our Deacons and all of you, I can't wait to see what God is going to do next!  
-Pastor Brady



*Walker Spires*



*Matthew Barfield*

**DEACON ORDINATION SERVICE FOR  
MATTHEW BARFIELD &  
WALKER SPIRES**



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**Deacon Ordination Service**  
**Wednesday, September 17, 2025**

**Prelude**

Rhonda Parrish

**Welcome & Opening Prayer**

Rev. Steve Kittrell

**Praise and Worship**

'Sweet, Sweet Spirit'

**Personal Testimony**

Matthew Barfield

Walker Spires

**Charge to the Candidates**

Chairman of Deacons, Deacon J. Michael Rollison

**Praise and Worship**

'God Really Loves us'

**Ordination Sermon**

Rev. R. Brady Henderson

**Invitation**

'When We Walk with the Lord'

**Laying on of Hands**

All Ordained Ministers and Deacons

**Presentation of Ordination Certificate**

Rev. R. Brady Henderson

**Presentation of Bibles from the Church**

Vice Chairman of the Deacons, Duane Johnson

**Closing Prayer**

Deacon Terry Pound

**Deacon Ordination Sermon**

'The Purpose of a Deacon!'

Matthew 20:20-28

Rev. R. Brady Henderson

**Sermon in a Sentence:**

*The purpose of Deacon ministry is to serve.  
Jesus explains what servants of Jesus are to  
be when He explains they must not be selfish,  
but to serve, and to live sacrificially.*

**Question to Ask:**

*What is the purpose of the Deacon Ministry?*

***Truth #1: Not to be Selfish. (vv. 20-23)***

***Truth #2: But to Serve. (vv. 25-27)***

***Truth #3: To live Sacrificially. (v. 28)***