

2023 CBC Deacon Board Report

We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited. Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships, and distresses. 2 Corinthians 3-4

The main role of the Deacon Board is to maintain and upkeep the church facilities and administer the business aspects of the church in accordance with policies established by the Elder Board.

The 2023 Deacon Board consisted of Tim Brown, Chairman Paul Hertel, Robert Hettinger, Randy Hofeldt, Colin Ogan and Chancey Shrake.

As I write this deacon report I am reminded of how blessed this church is with the tithing it receives. The building loan started the fiscal year at a balance of \$660,101.69 and we ended the fiscal year owing \$316,276.44. That is without a doubt putting your trust in the Lord and allowing His will to be done.

Here are a few notable activities that the Deacon board was busy with:

- Installed new mailbox after the old one was run into and destroyed
- Purchased and installed "No Parking" signs for the church property which adjoins the City's ball field. Lots of traffic which was a liability to our church.
- Installed new coffee machine in gymnasium kitchen.
- New Church Directory was finalized and distributed.
- Nominated two Deacons to serve on the Associate Pastor Search Committee
- Approved numerous scholarships to go to Summit and one for Summit Gap Year
- Found a new home for the Benesh Books at Summit ministries
- Tough winter of snow removal for a few of the Deacons during the 2022-2023 season. We welcome more men willing to join a snow team for the future.
- Purchased banners for the sanctuary and a tool to change them out without having to get up on a ladder.
- Rachel Hettinger was hired to assist Virginia with duties during the week.
- Had the carpets cleaned in the sanctuary.
- Performed annual staff evaluations.
- Purchased an advertisement in a New Comer Guide distributed by Pierre Chamber.
- Purchased a rolling white board for room #200.
- Purchased additional anti-fatigue mats for the gym kitchen area.
- Started seeking quotes for a nursery remodeling project.
- Assisted several individuals and families with financial needs.

I want to thank our staff at CBC for the tremendous work that they do. I want to thank the Beck family for their dedication to removing snow this past year at no cost to the church. Thank you to Randy Hofeldt for handling the Benesh Trust responsibilities.

In closing I want to look at the passage of John 2: 6-7, Jesus asks his servants to "Fill the jars with water." A task that Jesus could have easily done himself considering all the miracles he performed, but if you think about this, what comes to mind is the fact that Jesus wanted men to share in the workload so they too can share in the blessings!

May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendor to their children. May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us – yes, establish the work of our hands. Psalms 90: 16-17

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Hertel, Chairman