

Welcome

Deacon Widows Ministry Training  
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## Why do we have a Deacon Widows Ministry?

James 1:27 (NASB)

Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of *our* God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, *and* to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Timothy 5:3 (NASB)

Honor widows who are widows indeed



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From the Deacon Handbook – Service of Deacons

As the original deacons were called to minister to the widows within their church body, we believe ministering to our widows to be a primary responsibility of our deacons. The FBCK Widows ministry is a vital ministry to widows within our church body. It is expected that each of our serving deacons will actively minister to at least one widow.



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## Who are the Widows we serve?

- ◇ Church members
- ◇ Widows 60 years of age or older (1 Timothy 5:9)
- ◇ There are currently 133 widows who meet this criteria



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## Who are the Widows we serve?

Widows who need assignment	→	6
Widows who are assigned	→	117
Widows who have moved	→	16
Widows who are deceased	→	22
Widows who are not yet eligible for assignment	→	3
Widows who do not want a deacon assignment	→	10
Widows who married again	→	4



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## There are different types of Widows

- ◇ Widows living with their families
- ◇ Widows living in their own homes with family close by
- ◇ Widows living in their own homes with no family close by
- ◇ Widows living in nursing homes and/or extended-care facilities



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What are the expectations of the Deacon?

- ◇ Show interest - The widow wants to know that her deacon cares about her
- ◇ Stay in touch – phone, in person visits (Deacon and his wife)
- ◇ Build a relationship with your widow(s)
- ◇ How often should I contact my Widow? – it depends on her circumstances



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## How do I minister to my widow?

- ◇ The most important thing for the Deacon to do is to stay in touch with your widow
- ◇ Keep your eyes and ears open to any issues or problems your widow may have
- ◇ Assist her when necessary to solve whatever problem she has
- ◇ We have a Deacon Widows Benevolence fund to cover any realistic expenses





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## Panel Discussion

What have been our experiences?

- ◇ Relationships
- ◇ The team – the Deacon and his wife
- ◇ Repairs
- ◇ Questions



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I need help! What do I do?

- ◇ Deacons Handbook
- ◇ Consult with the Widows Ministry Team leader, the Deacon Officers
- ◇ Share with your deacon brothers

