



## Deacon/Deaconess of Children

The purpose of this role is to facilitate and promote the well-being and discipleship of all children from newborn up to 13 years old who attend Cornerstone Fellowship Church with consideration given to the following areas:

### a) Training

- Nursery
  - Workers are not required to be members, but they must be vetted.
- Sunday School
  - Teachers must be members or approved by the elders
  - Curriculum must be approved by the elders
- Children's church
  - Teachers must be members or approved by the elders
    - Helpers are not required to be members.
  - Curriculum must be approved by the elders
- Vacation Bible School
- Explore other opportunities to come alongside and assist parents in raising up their children to know and follow Jesus.

### b) Worship

- Assist the deacon/deaconess of worship by representing the children's interest and advocating a place for them in corporate worship.
- Organize and schedule opportunities for programs or special music.
- Explore other opportunities to lead and encourage the children to worship the Lord.

### c) Soul care

- Are the children receiving the individual care for the specific needs and concerns they each are facing? Are there opportunities to provide guidance to parents or equip them to nurture the souls of their/our children?

d) Fellowship

- Assist the deacon/deaconess of fellowship by representing the children's interest and advocating a place for them in corporate fellowship.
- Encourage opportunities for the children to gather and enjoy being together.

e) Outreach

- Explore opportunities for the children to be involved with engaging their community.
- Explore opportunities for the children to be directly involved with mission activity.

f) Safety

- Develop and govern the necessary procedures, background checks for all workers and volunteers, and overall practices that keep our children safe.

Notes:

1. The qualifications for and the general responsibilities of a deacon/deaconess are conveyed in the constitution along with the nomination, election and tenure.
2. This role is strongly encouraged to develop a team to assist with this ministry.
3. This role will need to submit a proposed budget to the treasurer no later than one month prior to when the next church budget is to take effect for any desired funding.
4. This role and any associated team will be accountable to the elders, who are available for guidance and direction as needed.