

Mercy Ministry News

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Greetings from the GMR Diaconate!

How many of you know who your deacons are?

We want you to know us!!!
Our photos and contact

information can be found on the leadership page of the GMR website under Diaconate [HERE](#). You can also find us on Sunday mornings wearing yellow name tags. Please feel free to contact us at mercyministrygmr@gmail.com to discuss any mercy ministry needs.

How many of you know the role of a deacon?

We want you to know that too!!
The role of a deacon is to render

humble, menial service to those in need to meet the basic physical needs of church members in distress (food, shelter, transportation, financial assistance, listening ear, prayer, visitation, etc). The deacons focus more on deeds, not words. While the role of the deacon is focused on physical needs, it is a spiritual ministry that arises from spiritual motives (biblical) and makes a spiritual impact.

How does someone get help from the Diaconate?

You can fill out the Mercy Ministry Request form [HERE](#). Or talk to one of the deacons, your flock advocate, or small group leader, and they will make sure your need for help gets communicated to the diaconate for follow up if necessary. You can also email us at MercyMinistryGMR@gmail.com

The Diaconate needs your help too!

We need your participation!! A hand full of deacons can't adequately service all of the mercy needs of the congregation. Scripture tells us we are ALL called to participate in mercy ministry. We all have skills and gifts to share. The diaconate wants to build a "catalog" of talents within the body to access help when needs arise. **Register your talents/skills** that you are willing to share on our "Serving One Another" form [HERE](#).



A few of our GMR Deacons serving breakfast together with Least of These www.leastoftheseasheville.com

Send us your prayer requests:
PrayForThisGMR@gmail.com

The diaconate is making a concerted effort to involve the body in coming alongside others in need within the body. If there is one word that describes God's will it is Love. That's what Mercy Ministry is all about. We want you to be a part of it.

Grace and Peace,

Greg Van Voorhis
Diaconate Moderator



Introducing some of our GMR Deacons!



MICKEY BELAND

I have attended Grace since 1994, and I am known by many as, "Mary Dean's husband". My wife Mary Dean and I have been married for 54 years and have two children, Lori and Scott, as well as two granddaughters and two grandsons. I have been a deacon at Grace since 1998. I enjoy the friendship of the Diaconate and the support of our church to help anyone with a known need. It is a true blessing to be part of a Church that cares and gives so much to others.

I am passionate about Forests providing essential habitats for wildlife species diversity. I also enjoy meeting people and talking about how much Jesus Loves them.



MARY LINVILLE

I have attended Grace for about 17 years!! My family, my late husband John and our 5 children came to Grace worn out and weary from music ministry. We just sat and soaked in the Gospel, sometimes "double dipping", attending both services. God graciously revived our hearts and after about two years of receiving we began to participate in the music ministry at Grace. I have been a deaconess for two years now. Being nominated and called to the ministry of deacon is an honor and privilege. I think what turned my heart towards becoming a deacon was how the body of Elders and Deacons came along side of my kids and I at the time of John's illness and death. They were truly Jesus with flesh on them... coming alongside me and encouraging, sitting with family, bringing meals, cards, toilet paper!!! They were just there...they taught me how to love in a difficult place. I wanted to be like them...like Jesus. I love Jesus, people, music and stained glass!! I also like to work puzzles!



DAVE BOKMILLER

I have attended Grace for 10 years along with my wife Gina, sons Vincent and Adam. I have been a deacon at GMR since May 2018. What I enjoy about serving as a deacon is the opportunity to participate in the work of God's kingdom, seeking to identify and meet the physical and practical needs of our body.

Born and raised in the Cleveland, Ohio area. Part of my story includes a 40 + year career in engineering and global manufacturing management in the Plastics Industry after which, I pursued my passion for cooking and trained to be a chef. I have enjoyed working in the culinary field for the past 10 years and currently serve as Nutrition Coordinator for a not-for-profit Adult Day Care center in Asheville. I am a life-long Cleveland Indians baseball fan and enjoy reading and leading a men's small group at GMR.

WHAT ARE OTHER WAYS TO VOLUNTEER WITH MERCY MINISTRY?

To join our PRAYER TEAM contact: PrayForThisGMR@gmail.com

To join the MEMORIAL SERVICE TEAM contact: MercyMinistryGMR@gmail.com