

October 25, 2026



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF WATERFORD



Follow along with Pastor Michael's sermon today on page 1052 of the pew bible.



Welcome, we are glad you joined us today!

If you are visiting, we'd love to connect with you. Please visit our connection center and pick up a welcome packet.

Children ages Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to attend Children's Church, which begins after the music. A fully staffed nursery and pre-kindergarten classroom is available throughout the service for infants and toddlers up until Kindergarten. Middle school students have a Bible study the second and fourth Sundays of the month after service in the teen room until noon.

Join us as we seek to become and make disciples who love and serve Jesus Christ.

TODAY:

9:30am | Cafe

10am | Service

11:20 am | NT Casket Empty Class

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Prayer Meeting: Mon. | 7:30pm | Online

Men's Bible Study: Tues. | 8pm | Online

WOW Bible Study: Thurs. | 10:30am | JMH



Prefer to tithe online? Use the QR code OR go to the GIVE section on our website

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There will be a Memorial Service for Bob Ingalls on Saturday, October 31 at 11am with a Potluck Reception in the Gym after the service. Potluck sign up sheets are at the Welcome Centers.

The Children's Ministry needs at least 6 more workers each Sunday, especially more teachers. Contact Amy Mooradian or Jeanne Reed if you would like to volunteer or have questions.

Interested in Church Membership and/or Baptism? Please contact Pastor Michael for more info.



SERMON NOTES FOR 1 TIMOTHY 3:8-15

OVERVIEW AND KEY THEMES

- A person must meet several qualifications and possess certain character traits before he or she can be considered and called to be a Deacon.
- 1.) A deacon must be “worthy of respect.”
- 2.) A deacon cannot be a gossip, a hypocrite, or double-tongued but must be sincere.
- 3.) A deacon cannot be an excessive drinker. Paul emphasizes moderation. They must have self-control and self-discipline.
- 4.) A deacon cannot be greedy or a lover of money.
- 5.) A deacon must hold the mystery of the faith (the Gospel message) with a clear conscience. That is, a deacon must be unwavering in their faith.
- 6.) A deacon must be tested and proven blameless before they can serve.
- 7.) A deacon must be faithful to their spouse or, if single, celibate. Like elders, they must also manage their children and families well.
- Ultimately, the church is the new temple in the Lord's economy. As a temple, it is to be holy and honorable (1 Cor. 3:16-17; Eph. 2:21-22).

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE CALLED TO BE A DEACON?

- 1.) A person's character matters more than skill set.
- 2.) Deacons are servant leaders who identify and meet tangible needs and anticipate future ones.
- 3.) Deacons are shock absorbers.
- 4.) Deacons care for the church's physical and financial needs. They also care for souls, visit the sick, and provide benevolence.
- 5.) Deacons help heal divisions, foster unity, and solve problems. They are gentle, flexible, and peacemakers.
- 6.) Deacons support the Pastor(s) and/or Elder(s) (*The Council of Elders).
- 7.) Deacons love the church, the body of believers they serve.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES FROM THE SERMON

Luke 16:10	Romans 16:1-2	Ephesians 2:21-22	Philippians 4:8
Acts 6:1-6	1 Corinthians 3:16-17	Philippians 1:27-28	