

During this time of pastoral transition, we remain guided by a shared commitment to faithful ministry, mutual care, unity and orderly leadership to continue the mission of our church. This guide explains how the church is currently led, incorporates interim leadership and answers common questions.

“There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens.” — Ecclesiastes 3:1

How Our Church Is Organized

All ministries and groups exist to support the mission of the church—serving one another and sharing the gospel.

During this interim season, leadership and oversight are provided by the Board of Deacons, ensuring that ministry continues smoothly and faithfully.

- All ministries operate under church leadership
- Ministry records and resources belong to the church
- The church body remains central in decision-making

Board of Deacons

The Deacons are providing primary spiritual leadership during this season. They help guide the church’s ongoing mission and ministry, ensuring stability and forward movement during this interim period.

The Deacon Board works with the ministerial staff to address the pastoral care needs of the church.

They serve by:

- Offering spiritual guidance and direction
- Caring for members and families
- Coordinating worship and pulpit supply
- Supporting membership needs
- Encouraging spiritual growth
- Administering benevolence and assisting with ordinances

“Serve one another humbly in love.”
— Galatians 5:13

Joint Board (Deacons & Trustees)

- Reviews church matters
- Conducts necessary business
- Leverages the Church Council when needed
- Makes recommendations to the congregation

Church Council

- Consists of ministry leaders
 - Supports communication, unity and effectiveness across ministries
 - Called together when needed and serves in an advisory role
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The Congregation

The congregation remains the **final authority** in all church matters.

“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”
— 1 Corinthians 12:27

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Who is leading the church right now?

A. The Board of Deacons is providing overall leadership and spiritual oversight during this transition.

Q. Who should I contact?

- Your Deacon: First point of contact for care, prayer, and general needs
- Deacon Chair: Broader concerns or urgent matters
- Associate Minister: Spiritual guidance and teaching support

Frequently Asked Questions (cont.)

Q. Who will be preaching each Sunday?

A. SBCOD ministerial staff and guest preachers will provide biblically sound teaching each week, coordinated by the Deacons.

Q. What if I don't have the same relationship with my deacon as I did with the Pastor?

A. That's understandable. Deacons are here to walk alongside you, and you are welcome to connect with the Associate Ministers or other trusted leaders as well.

Q. Who handles pastoral care?

A. The Deacons and Associate Ministers coordinate care, working with ministry leaders and outside support when needed.

Q. Who do I contact for life events (i.e., emergencies, weddings, sickness, etc.)

A. Start with your Deacon, who will guide you to the appropriate leaders.

Q. How can I stay connected and informed?

- Attend worship services and bible study
- Watch for church announcements, emails and website
- Participate in church and ministry meetings
- Continue to support the church through faithful giving and prayers

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