

# **What a Ministry Team!**

*Intentional Leadership*

*“from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.”*  
*Ephesians 4:16 ESV*

**A Healthy Church is a \_\_\_\_\_ of Men and Women working Together!**

## **I. A Healthy Church \_\_\_\_\_ Issues Biblically**

*“And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.”* Acts 2:44–45 *ESV*

*“And there arose a sharp disagreement, so that they separated from each other. Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus,”* Acts 15:39 *ESV*  
(2 Timothy 4:11)

*“I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.”* Philippians 4:2–3 *ESV*

**- The \_\_\_\_\_**

*“Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution.”* Acts 6:1 *ESV*

**- The \_\_\_\_\_**

*“And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables.”* Acts 6:2 *ESV*

**- The \_\_\_\_\_**

*“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.”* Matthew 18:15 *ESV*  
(Matthew 18:16-17)

*“Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”* Acts 6:3–4 *ESV*

**- The \_\_\_\_\_**

*“And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.”* Acts 6:5–6 *ESV*

**Ministry Challenges are God’s Opportunity to Become Healthier Congregation!**

## II. A Healthy Church Enable Godly \_\_\_\_\_ to Serve

### - The Ministry of \_\_\_\_\_

*“Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain.”*  
*1 Timothy 3:8 ESV*

(1 Timothy 3:10, 12)

### - The Ministry of \_\_\_\_\_

*“Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things.”*  
*1 Timothy 3:11 ESV*

The Greek word for woman is most commonly translated as **“wife”**

### Four Reasons for Deacons and Deaconesses

#### The Word \_\_\_\_\_

*“likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire,”*  
*1 Timothy 2:9 ESV*

(1 Timothy 3:8; Titus 2:3,6)

#### No \_\_\_\_\_ Pronoun (mine, ours, yours, his, hers, theirs, and whose)

*“When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife,”*  
*Matthew 1:24 ESV*

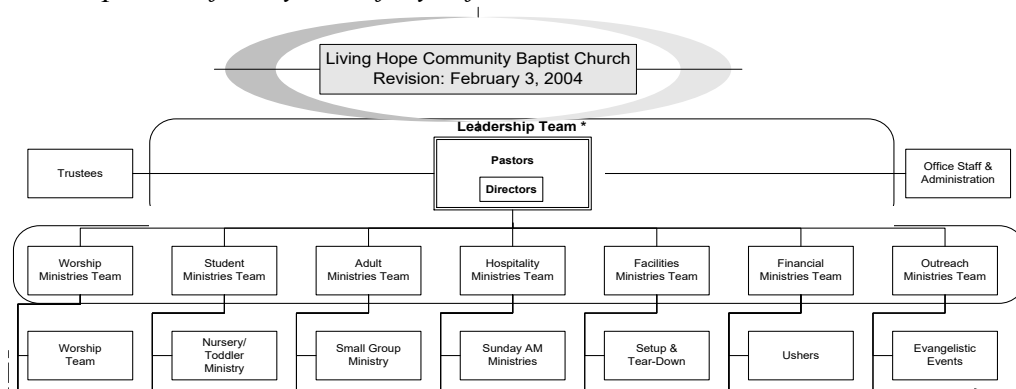
*“But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife,”*  
*1 Corinthians 7:33 ESV*

#### No \_\_\_\_\_ for Elder’s Wives

#### No Greek Word For \_\_\_\_\_

**Deacon is the \_\_\_\_\_ term for both Men and Women that Serve.**

*“I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church at Cenchreae, that you may welcome her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints, and help her in whatever she may need from you, for she has been a patron of many and of myself as well.”*  
*Romans 16:1–2 ESV*



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