

Deacon Ordination Service Program

Musical Prelude

Entrance of Deacon-Elects

(Seated in the front chairs with wives facing the altar)

Entrance of Ordination Council

(*Everyone stands)

Ordination Ceremony

Call to Order

Presentation of Deacon-Elect from local church

Reading of Biographical Profile

Scripture Lesson

Examination of Candidates

Ordination Prayer

Laying on of Hands

Presentation of Certificates and Bible

Greetings of New Deacons

Benediction

Ordination

Deacon-Elect Jerome Dennis and Deacon- Elect David Holloway

To the Office of Deacon
In the Original Cape Fear and Southwestern Free Will Baptist Conference
and St. Mary's FWB Church

Ordaining Pastor
Elder Willie J. Hunter Jr.
Senior Pastor of St. Mary's FWB Church

Ordination Council

Elder Coleman Elliott
President of Cape Fear District Union
Pastor of Lillington Grove OFWB Church

Elder JoAnn Yates
Associate Elder/St. Mary's FWB Church
Home Mission President
The Original Cape Fear & Southwestern Free Will Baptist Conference

Elder Margret Wilson
Pastor of Harnett Chapel OFWB Church

Elder Roy Campbell
Supervisor
The Original Cape Fear & Southwestern Free Will Baptist Conference

Bishop Reginald S. Hinton Sr.
President/ The Original Cape Fear & Southwestern Free Will Baptist Conference

Bishop Fredrick E. Clarida
Vice President/ The Original Cape Fear & Southwestern Free Will Baptist
Conference



Deacon Elect-David Keith Holloway/ St. Mary's FWB Church

Biographical Profile

David Keith Holloway was born in Detroit in 1975. He lived with a foster family until he was adopted by William and Carolyn Holloway in 1979. He is the second oldest child of their four children. He was a member of New Christian Liberty Baptist Church where he was baptized at the age of thirteen and served in numerous ways. He graduated from high school in 1994 and joined the Army in the same year. While in the Army, he traveled to six states and two countries and served his country for ten years. He was blessed to meet Julia, the woman who would become his wife, while stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

He rededicated his life to Christ and joined St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church in 2005. David and Julia dated for five years and they married on September 9, 2006. He currently works as a sale associate and style consultant at the Belk Men's Store. He is also a full time student at Wake Technical Community College where he is studying to obtain an Associate's Degree in Business Administration and Certification in Business Administration and Human Resources. David now serves as a Junior Deacon at St. Mary's, and he is a member of the Financial Team. He is also a part of the Administrative Team at his church. He continues to strengthen his walk with God by praying and reading the Word. He wants to spread the word of God to those who do not know Him, and be an example to the next generation.



Deacon-Elect Jerome Lamont Dennis/ St. Mary's FWB Church

Biographical Profile

Jerome Lamont Dennis was born to Sadie Dennis and Justin McClain on July 31, 1971 at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh, North Carolina. Jerome is a resident of Fuquay-Varina, NC. He is married to Monique Dennis and they have two children; Chiquita and Derrelle. He also has 2 grandchildren, Aiden and Malachi. Jerome works for AutoZone where he is store manager. He loves playing golf, building Hot Rod trucks, hunting, fishing and spending time with family.

Jerome accepted Christ as his personal Savior in 1995 under the leadership of Bishop Curtis Thomas and later joined St. Mary's FWB Church where he currently serves as Finance Director. Jerome served as the Co-Chairman of the Trustee Board of St. Mary's for many years. He also sang on the Male Chorus and Mass Choir.

Ordination Service

When all have reached their places the congregation remains standing.

The people remain standing as Pastor Elliott says:

God calls his people to follow Christ, and commissions us to serve His people and declare the wonderful deeds of Him who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. God has given particular ministries. Deacons are ordained to assist the Pastor, as guardians of the faith, and in proclaiming the gospel of God's kingdom. We give way to God's presence today as we ordain these newly appointed deacons.

Pastor Elliott: Blessed be the Lord Jesus Christ

People: *And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

Pastor Elliott:

Almighty God unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthy magnify your holy Name, through Christ our Lord.

The people may be seated.

Reading of Biographical Profile- Church Secretary

Deacon Donnie Cobb: Pastor Colman Elliott, President of the Cape Fear District Union, to the Ordination Council: the Pastor, leadership, and members of St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, present David Holloway and Jerome Dennis to be ordained to the office of deacon.

Pastor Elliott: According to the wishes of St. Mary's Original Free Will Baptist Church, Jerome Dennis, and David Holloway have been dully appointed to the office of Deacon, and now it becomes our sacred duty to set them apart thereto by prayer and the imposition of hands.

Scripture Reading:

Elder JoAnn Yates Exodus 18:13-23

Elder Margret Wilson Acts 6:1-6

Elder Roy Campbell 1 Timothy 3:8-13

(The Last Reader says- Here ends the Reading)

Pastor Hunter: With the ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Chief Shepherd the responsibility for the welfare of the Church was delegated to the under shepherds, the apostles. With great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, and laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

Pastor Elliott: As the number of the disciples increased, murmuring was made against the Hebrews by the Grecians, because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of provisions. Understanding the importance of the effective ministry of the word of God, the apostles called the Church together and indicated that it was not good that they should leave the word of God and serve tables. The congregation was charged with responsibility of identifying brethren among them who were of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost, who could be appointed to this important task. After the brethren were selected, there were brought before the apostles, who gave them the responsibility of the daily administration by praying and the laying on of hands.

Pastor Hunter: It is the duty of the Deacon, at the discretion of the Pastor, to serve the Lord's table, to distribute the bounty of the Church among its needy members, to visit the sick, to assist the Pastor in promoting order and attendance upon the means of grace, to see that an efficient scriptural discipline be enforced in the Church. The Deacon must be by the Church considered a spiritual person, holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience, ruling well his own house.

Examination of Deacon(s) Elect:

Pastor Elliott: Brothers, you have been called to an honorable, weight and responsible office in the house of God: and now it devolves upon me to inquire respecting your purpose about the same.

Do you believe in your heart that after being elected by your church family, the Lord Jesus Christ has prepared you for this weighty office?

Answer: I do.

Pastor Hunter: Do you heartily and truly accept the Holy Bible as the revelation of God, and will you accept it as the rule of your faith and the guide of your life?

Answer: I do.

Elder Roy Campbell: Will you endeavor to faithfully discharge the duties of a deacon in every way to promote the interests of the Church, which has honored you by advancing you to this office?

Answer: I Will.

Elder Margret Wilson: Will you faithfully strive to assist your pastor and to maintain harmonious relations with all of the officers and members of your church?

Answer: I Will.

Elder JoAnn Yates: Will you endeavor to promote peace and goodwill among all men, especially the membership of your Church?

Answer: I Will.

Pastor Hunter: Will you do your best to pattern your life (and that of your family) in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to all people?

Answer: I Will.

Pastor Hunter: Will you in all things seek not your glory but the glory of the Lord Christ?

Answer I will.

Pastor Elliott: May the Lord by his grace uphold you in the service he lays upon you.

Answer: Amen.

Deacon's Declaration: I solemnly declare that I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation; and I accept the charge to be faithful to God, to my Pastor and to serve the members of St. Mary's with the Lord's help. (each candidate makes the declaration

The Ordination Prayer

(All continue to be seated, while the Deacon(s)-Elect kneel before the Elders to be anointed with oil in the name of the Lord.)

A prayer will be offered with the laying on of hands by the Ordination Council and Select Clergy.

Presentation of Ordination Certificate

Pastor Elliott

Presentation of Holy Bible

Elder Nafiskas Covington & Elder Christine Norris

"Receive this Bible as the sign of your authority to proclaim God's Word and to assist in the ministrations of his holy Sacraments."

The New Deacons are then greeted by well wishers in the congregation, beginning with the Bishops, Ordination Panel, Spouse, Family, Ministers, and Church Deacons and members.

Benediction

Acknowledgements

Special thanks is extended to the following
for having made this service memorable:

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The Ordination Council

The Program Participants

All Pastors, Elders, Ministers

Fellow Deacons

St. Mary's FWB Church Family

The District Union Family

The Host Pastor

All Well Wishers

The Supporting Wives

And to God Be the Glory

