

Romans 12:7a - God's Primary Serving Gift: Ministering Service.

I. What is the Biblical Gift of Serving?

- A. "Diakonia" in its cognates occurs over 70 times in the NT.
- B. Meaning: minister, serve, especially by staying in touch to manually meeting practical, tangible needs of others.
- C. Biblical Multiplicity of the meaning of the term.
 1. Lu 10:40 - Prepare tables and serve food in the home.
 2. Ac 6:1-2 - Providing physical needs (specifically of widows).
 3. Ac 6:1-6; Phil 1:1; 1 Ti 3:8-13 - Official office within a church. This gift frees other people up to do their giftedness.
 4. Ministry of all the saints in general: Ac 1:17-25 (apostles' ministry); 6:4 (ministry of the Word); 11:29 (sending relief funds to a needy church); Ro 16:1 (women serving others); 1 Co 12:5 (differences within this category); 16:15 (Stephanas' house addicted themselves to ministry to believers); 2 Co 8:19 (sharing the gospel); Ep 4:12 (all do the work of the ministry); Phil 2:25, 29; Co 4:12 (Epaphras); Phil 13 (personal, menial, physical tasks); He 1:14 (even angels do this); 6:10 (Helping Christians with their personal duties).
 5. In context of spiritual gifts, it means manual, serving gifts (1 Co 12:28 - similar but not exactly the same as helps; 1 Pe 4:11 - meeting a need in the church body; manual gifts require physical strength).

II. What is the Biblical Power for Serving? Mat 20:28; Phil 2:7.

III. What is the Biblical Qualifier for Serving? Ro 12:7a. "Keep getting at it."

IV. What is the Biblical Application of Serving? Co 4:17.



FIRST BAPTIST

CHURCH OF GALLIPOLIS

October 19, 2025

"the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Matthew 20:28

Nursery Workers Today:

SS: Tim & Cindy Green

MW: Vikki Irwin, Kelli Cunningham, Tricia Patton

ES: Hope Olden, Krystal Kay

Wednesday 10/22: Hannah Burnett, Bev Salyers

10:00 AM Morning Service

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Opening - "With All My Heart"

Congregational Singing - "Make Me A Blessing" #670

Fellowship Time

Congregational Singing - "Living for Jesus" #605

Choral Anthem - "Blessed Assurance"

Scripture Reading - Matthew 20:20 - 28

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Singing - "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated" #597

Congregational Singing - "Ancient Words"

Testimony in Song - Trio

Message - Pastor Aaron Young

Invitation - "I Surrender All" #596

Closing Prayer

- 7:15 PM: Ladies Missionary Fellowship meeting
- Tuesday 10/21: OVCS Board meeting

THIS MORNING – Children’s Choir - We will be meeting in the youth room every Sunday immediately after the morning service for exactly 15 minutes, timed from start to finish. Children from 4 years - 6th grade are encouraged to participate. The sooner they get there, the sooner we are done!

- **October 26 – Deacon Care Groups #4 (Todd Townsend) and #7 (Chris Hill) will be having a soup, sandwich, and dessert meal after morning worship.** Drinks and tableware will be provided. Please sign up on the list on the bulletin board.
- **Sunday, October 26 - PM - Members Meeting**

We are planning a new membership class. If you are interested in being a member of our family, or just learning more about us as you consider joining, **please call the office.** The dates will be established based on participant availability.

**LADIES’ MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS GIFT
TO MISSIONARY FAMILIES**

Due to your overwhelming response to this project for the past few years, we have joyfully decided to double each gift. Our new standard amounts are \$80 per couple, \$50 per single, and \$20 per child. Anyone wanting to give toward this need may give their check written to the LMF to Audette Gooch, Lois Carter or place it in the large box in the office. Cash contributions should be in an envelope marked LMF. **Gifts must be given by Nov. 12** so that our gift will reach our missionaries before Christmas.

The AWANA program needs van drivers for Wednesday nights. We would like to add two teams of two, establishing a rotating schedule to facilitate this valuable and important ministry. If you are willing to serve in this way, please contact John Kay.

Don’t forget to check our **Missionary Mail** notebook on the table in the narthex. Recently we have heard from J.A. & Pam Richards, and Steve & Rowena Barnes.

To all my precious FBC family, **thanks to all** for the kindness, visits, cards, and food during my trying illness. All was much appreciated. Love you all!!
Loretta Cox

On Thursday, October 16, **sister Peggy Latham entered the presence of the One she has loved and served so faithfully.** We have been blessed to have observed her example of living a fully surrendered life and her gracious, faith filled acceptance of God’s sovereignty until the moment she opened her eyes in Glory. Let’s join together and pray for those who will experience this brief separation the most: Bob, their children & spouses, and their grandchildren/greatgrandchildren. **The Celebration of Life will be this afternoon at Willis Funeral Home. Calling hours are 1 PM – 2 PM with the service immediately following. The graveside service will be at 4 PM at Letart Falls Cemetery.**