



TEACH ME THY WAY,

O Lord;

I WILL WALK

IN THY TRUTH:

UNITE MY HEART

TO FEAR THY NAME.

PSALM 86:11

ORDINANDS

Deacon Micki Buchanan



“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9 NIV

I have always believed that life is a tapestry woven with threads of faith, family, and perseverance. My story began in Titusville, Florida—Space City, USA—where I grew up surrounded by the love and guidance of my parents, Jeffrey and Jackie Hamilton, and my brothers, Charles, Willy, Patrick, Mitch, and Jeffrey. But it was my grandparents, both maternal and paternal, who shaped the foundation of my faith. Summers spent on the Mississippi family farm with my grandparents, Rev. Woodrow and Mrs. Beatrice Hamilton, were filled with lessons of love, humility, and grace. Sundays meant church—Sunday school, youth group, Bible study, and the children’s choir. It was on a hot July night during a summer revival in Mississippi that I gave my life to Christ. At thirteen, I was baptized at Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church in Sylvarena, MS—a moment that forever marked my spiritual journey.

In 1991, I returned to Florida for high school and life beyond. It was in this season of life that three of the greatest blessings of my life, Cameron, Nicholaus, and Asia, became part of my world. My journey of faith deepened as I served in the church, teaching kindergarten Sunday school and volunteering with youth ministries at New Life Space Coast. Through this chapter, I was introduced to Howard Buchanan—a man whose kindness and love nourished my soul. He joined our family officially in 2005.

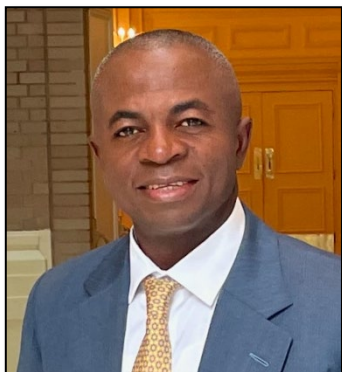
In August of the same year, we began a new adventure in San Diego, California—a place so beautiful, I often called it paradise. Yet, being far from my Southern roots drew me even closer to God. At Maranatha Chapel, our family found a spiritual home, diving into ministries and small groups, and supporting international orphanage work in Sudan. Those three years in California were transformative, but in 2008, life led us back east to New York—a place that would become our permanent home.

In New York, I embraced new beginnings. I earned my A.A.S. in Occupational Therapy Assistant and Health Science from Mercy College in 2010, graduating cum laude. Five years later, Howard and I were blessed beyond measure with the arrival of our twins, Andrew and Matthew—a joyful surprise that brought immeasurable love to our family. Balancing life with one-year-old twins, I returned to school full-time at SUNY Purchase. In 2019, I graduated magna

cum laude with a bachelor's degree in History, honored to receive the prestigious Richard Maas Scholarship for my thesis on Black and Jewish collaboration during the Civil Rights Movement.

My career journey has taken me across industries and across the country, from the Kennedy Space Center to the hospitality world, and from Girl Scouts of USA to Burke Rehabilitation Hospital. But my heart finds its truest purpose in my current work as the Director of Memory Care at Willow Towers, where I care for seniors with severe dementia. It is here that I witness the profound power of compassion and connection every day.

Since 2009, I've been blessed to call Antioch Baptist Church my spiritual home. As a member of the Usher Ministry, Women's Ministry, and Sunday School Ministry, I strive to serve with intercessory prayer, mercy, and hospitality—gifts God has graciously given me. My journey has been filled with challenges and triumphs, but through it all, my faith has been my anchor. To God be the glory for every blessing, every lesson, and every step of this incredible journey.



Deacon Joseph M. Moky

“For God so loved the world, that He gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life”
John 3:16 NIV

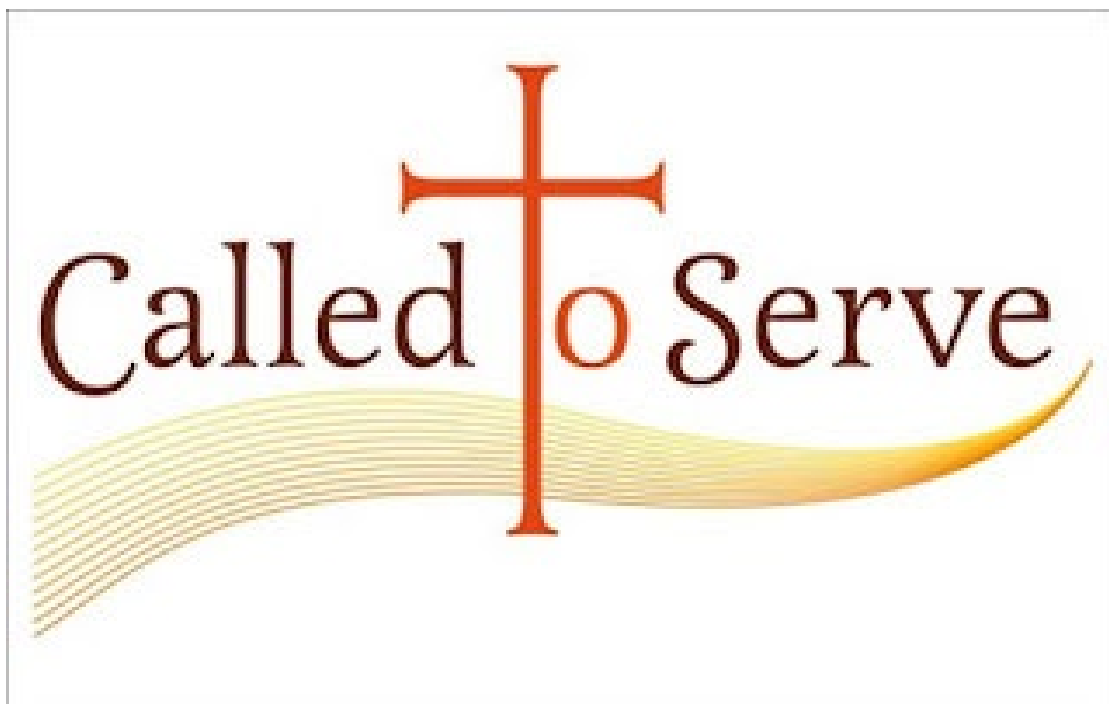
I was born in Limbe, Cameroon in West-Africa to Deacon John I. Moky and Martha E. Moky. My family has played a vital role in laying a foundation that has sustained my faith journey.

This began with my parents' dedication to serving and knowing Christ. Rather than just taking me to church, they were personally involved in guiding my faith. Their service in our local church was a great model for me to follow and imitate. As I grew older, their influence only grew. I was baptized by Pastor Maliva and regularly attended Sunday School. I took part in the Christmas and Easter plays at church in Cameroon. At the age of twenty, I migrated to the United States as an International Student in December of 1988. After graduating from Iona college in New Rochelle NY, I attended Long Island University where I graduated with an MBA in Finance. I have been a member of Antioch Baptist Church for about 26 years. I have served on the Budget Committee, Search Committee and have served as a Trustee for about 9 years. I love to serve.

I married my high school sweetheart, Prisca Moky, and we have been blessed with three beautiful girls, Danielle, Alison and Meagan. In 2012, we formed a Non-Profit Organization called Benevolence Outreach with the main goal of improving the health and well-being of children and families in the South West region of Cameroon. We empower young girls by giving them

the opportunity to be educated, give hope to young children in orphanages and provide free A1c tests, glucometer to diabetes patients, etc.

Deacons, likewise, are to be worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as Deacon. I Timothy 3: 8-10 NIV



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Mr. Earl Brown, Music Director Emeritus/Organist
Mr. Andrew Brown and Mr. Kyle Brown, Percussionists

Diaconate Ordination Service

4:00 PM

March 30, 2025

Prelude

Bro. James Farley, Keyboard

Processional*

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (vs. 1,2,4)

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Rev. Dr. Dollyann Newkirk-Briggs Rev. Merle D. McJunkin
Minister Gloria J. Pinkney Rev. Dr. Karen Blacks
Rev. Dr. Angela Hooks Rev. John Simon
Guest Clergy Members
Ordinands and family
Deacon-in -Training Micki Buchanan and family
Deacon-in-Training Joseph M. Moky and family
Antioch Diaconate
Baptist Temple Church Deacons & Deaconess
Visiting Deacons and Deaconess from Sister Churches

Call to Worship/Invocation *

Rev. Dr. Karen M. Blacks

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament Reading:

Joshua 1:7-9

Deaconess Jerretha Jones

New Testament Reading:

I Timothy 3:8-10

Sis. Carol Harvey

Response

I Am Thine (vs. 1)

#387

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Guests

Bro. Douglas Morton

Musical Selection

Antioch Chancel Choir

Presentation of Guest Preacher

Minister Gloria J. Pinkney

Musical Selection

Antioch Chancel Choir

The Sermon

Rev. Dr. Dollyann Newkirk-Briggs
Pastor, Baptist Temple Church

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Hymn of Invitation * Hold to God's Unchanging Hand (vs. 1,2) #404

ACTS OF ORDINATION

Presentation of Ordinand Micki Buchanan Sis. Jennifer Gray

Presentation of Ordinand Joseph Moky Sis. Danielle Moky-Failble
Sis. Alison Moky
Sis. Meagan Moky

Prayer of Ordination Pastor McJunkin

Response I Am Thine (vs. 2) #387

Charge to the Ordinands Deacon Hercules Jones, Jr.

Charge to the Church Deacon Michelle Hodge

Response I Am on the Battlefield For My Lord (vs. 1) #480

Presentation of Bible Deacon Marion & Deaconess Beverly Blount

Presentation of Articles
Dessaure Deacon Louis & Deaconess Silence

Right Hand of Fellowship Leaning on the Everlasting Arms #371
*Pastor, Guest Pastor, Antioch Associate Ministers, Guest Clergy,
Antioch Diaconate, Guest Deacons*

Words of Appreciation Deacon Micki Buchanan
Deacon Joe Moky
Deacon Michelle Hodge

Closing Remarks Pastor McJunkin

Benediction * Rev. Dr. Newkirk-Briggs

Closing Song* The Blessing bulletin

**Congregation, please stand as you are able.*

Joshua 1:7-9 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

⁷Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go.⁸This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. ⁹I hereby command you: **Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.**"

1 Timothy 3:8-10 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

Qualifications of Deacons

⁸Deacons likewise must be serious, not double-tongued, not indulging in much wine, not greedy for money; ⁹they must hold fast to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰And let them first be tested; then, if they prove themselves blameless, let them serve as deacons.

The Blessing

The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious unto you
The Lord turn
His face toward you
And give you peace
Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen

The Deacon As A Servant Leader

Deacon Micki Buchanan

“The end of all things is near. Therefore, be alert and have a sober mind so that you may pray. Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.” I Peter 4:7-11

Introduction:

In Christian theology, the concept of leadership is often redefined from the worldly perspective. The model of leadership demonstrated by Jesus Christ embodies the role of a servant leader—someone who leads by serving. Within the church, deacons are tasked with serving others, particularly through practical, humble acts of service. This paper aims to demonstrate how Jesus Christ perfectly exemplifies the qualities of a deacon as a servant leader, as portrayed in Scripture.

The Biblical Understanding of a Deacon and Servant Leadership

A deacon, according to the New Testament, is one who serves others, helping to meet their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. The word "deacon" comes from the Greek word *diakonos*, meaning "servant" or "minister." Servant leadership is a model that contrasts with traditional notions of power and authority. A servant leader leads by serving others, not by commanding them.

Jesus is the Ultimate Servant Leader!

John 13:1-17 - Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet

Jesus demonstrates servant leadership through the act of washing His disciples' feet, a task reserved for the lowest servant in the household. By performing this humble act, Jesus shows that true leadership comes through serving others, not by asserting power or status. In John 13:14-15, Jesus specifically states: *“Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.”* This passage illustrates that Jesus did not come to be served, but to serve. As a deacon, one is called to serve with humility, regardless of position or title.

Mark 10:42-45 - The Son of Man Came to Serve

Jesus corrects the disciples' misunderstanding of greatness in the kingdom of God. He tells them, *“Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be the slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many”* (Mark 10:43-45). Jesus emphasizes that leadership in God's kingdom is not about authority, but about service. This is the essence of the deacon's role: to serve others with the same sacrificial love that Christ demonstrated.

Mark 10:35-45 – The True Meaning of Servant Leadership

James and John ask Jesus for positions of honor in His Kingdom. Jesus teaches them that leadership in God's Kingdom is different from worldly authority, which often lords over others. He explains that greatness in God's eyes is found in serving others. To be great, one must be a servant, and to be first, one must be a slave to all. Jesus emphasizes that He Himself came not to be served, but to serve and give His life as a ransom for many. This is the essence of servant leadership—leading through selflessness and sacrifice.

Romans 8:37-39 – God's Love and the Power of Service

In Romans 8:37-39, Paul assures believers that nothing can separate them from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus. No hardship, no force in life or death, or any created being or power can separate them from God's unshakable love. This powerful assurance undergirds the ability to serve with a full heart. Knowing that God's love is eternal and secure empowers believers to serve others in His name, without fear or hesitation, because His love gives them the strength to endure and be faithful.

Conclusion:

Jesus exemplified perfect servant leadership in His life and ministry. Through His actions and teachings, He shows us that leadership in God's Kingdom is marked by humility, service, and sacrifice. As a deacon or servant leader, we are called to love and serve others—regardless of their status or background—just as Christ did. His example compels us to serve with our whole heart, knowing that nothing can separate us from His love, which empowers us to love and serve all people. Thanks be to God for Grace and Mercy down the through ages and beyond.

The Deacon As A Servant Leader

Deacon Joe M. Moky

While preparing this statement on the Deacon as a Servant Leader, I asked myself what is a Servant Leader?

I learned that Servant Leadership is an approach to Leadership where the Leader puts the needs of the others **FIRST** before their desires. Hence the ultimate goal of a Servant Leadership is to fulfill others needs First.

Throughout my reading, I came to the conclusion that Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is the Ultimate Servant Leader and that we should follow his examples.

Jesus' life and teachings demonstrate how important it is to lead with love, compassion, and servant's heart. Let's look at some examples of Christian leadership in Jesus's words.

Jesus Christ demonstrated Servant Leadership by washing his disciples' feet. This is typically the job of the lowest Servant in the household. Even though Jesus was God in human form, He humbled himself to serve his disciples. This act of service showed his humility and love for his followers. In John 13:14-15, Jesus said, "Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you"

Jesus also taught about the importance of serving others. In Mark 10:45, He said, "For even the son of man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." These words show that Jesus not only believed in servant leadership, but practiced it himself. This is restated in Philippians 2:3-4, "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. But in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interest of others." Understanding the common goal of God's people means putting your desires second. Humility is a Hallmark trait of Christian Leadership.

Another way Jesus demonstrated Servant Leadership was through his compassion for others. He showed care and concern for those sick, oppressed, or rejected by society. Matthew 9:36 says, "when he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." This compassion led Jesus to heal the sick, feed the hungry, and befriend the outcast of society

As Christian, God calls us to follow Jesus's example and become a Servant Leader in our area of influence. Compassionate Leadership is Critical. Showing Compassion means being willing to Listen, care for, and help those in need. For example, in Matthew Chapter 25:35-36, Jesus said, 'For I was Hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger, and you invited me in, I needed clothes, and you clothed me, I was sick, and you look after me, I was in Prison, and you came to visit me'. When we show kindness and compassion to hurting people, we serve them with love, just as Jesus did.

I promise that I will not be a Deacon Servant only on Sundays morning and during special occasions, but by the Grace of the Almighty God who is the Source of my Strength and the strength of my life I promised to be a Deacon Servant every day. In times of Happiness and in times of Sorrow.

Join us as we journey through Holy Week in worship and renewal
(all worship services/fellowship at Antioch, unless otherwise noted)

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 13

Adult Sunday School at 8:30 am

Youth Sunday School at 9:15 am

Worship Service and Communion at 10:20 am

In-Person and Live Stream

Holy Wednesday

Wednesday, April 16

Movie and Discussion at 12:00 pm

Sight and Sound's Production of Jesus

Good Friday

Friday, April 18

Worship Service at 7:00 pm

In-Person and Live Stream

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 19

Laverne Harper Easter Egg Hunt and Hot Dog Lunch

at the Manse at 11:00 am

(children up to 10 yrs or 5th grade)

Resurrection Sunday

Sunday, April 20

Early Morning Worship Service at 6:30 am

In-Person Only at Bethel Baptist Church, Mount Kisco

Easter Breakfast at 8:00 am

Sunday School Easter Program at 9:00 am

Family Worship Service at 10:20 am

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