

# Offerstories

## Deacon Ministry

We have the greatest deacons in the world. I truly believe that. We recently had a workday where we went to the homes of widows who needed improvement done to their homes and apartments. These guys fixed porches, repaired an icemaker, serviced cars, patched up a number of homes from the recent storms and, most of all, expressed the love of Jesus. In one day, they did more work than I do around my own house in a decade. Okay ... a preacher has to exaggerate every now and then, but truthfully they were living out what the Bible teaches about deacons. They served.

The amazing thing is that these widows didn't have to pay anything for the materials, tools, and expertise of our men. You see, because of your tithes we were able to provide everything but the time and elbow grease – which our deacons provided. That's what makes our offerings such an important part of our worship. We unapologetically ask you to give because we know how God uses a generous church. Giving your tithe is a statement to God about your trust in Him. It's not a burden. It's an amazing blessing. It's an old saying but a true one – you can never out-give God.

So don't under estimate what happens during this time and let's pray that God makes us even more generous as our ushers come ...