



DEACONS' WIVES — The Deacons' Wives of Ebenezer Baptist Church meet once a month for breakfast, worship and devotion lessons. Shown above are, front row from left, Beverly Johnson, secretary; Mary McKnight; Rev. Clifford Jones, associate pastor; and Rev. W.L. Muse, pastor. Back row, Bernice Rutledge; Mary Jackson; Dorothy Stephens, chairman; Rebecca Williams; and Mary Jo Whitaker. Photo by Cathy Campbell.

Wives Aid Pastors

The Deacons' Wives of Ebenezer Baptist Church of Auburn consist of chairman, Dorothy Stephens; co-chairman, Dorothy Allen; secretary, Beverly Johnson and treasurer, Lizzie Carlisle. Rev. W. L. Muse is pastor.

Members include Velma Bedell, Mabel Bennett, Patricia Echols, Sandra Hall, Nancy Harper, Minnie Hill, Mary Jackson, Mary McKnight, Susie Reese, Edwina Roberts, Mabel Robinson, Bernice Rutledge, Aldora Smith, Veolar Smith, Mary Whitaker and Rebecca Williams. Rev. Jones and Rev. Harper are spiritual advisors.

The group's objectives are to aid the pastor and deacons spiritually and financially by providing encouragement, preparing for communion and baptism, and being good Christian missionary women who promote evangelistic services in the community, check on those in need and stress leadership efficiency.

According to 1 Timothy 3:11, a deacon's wife is "expected, therefore, to make a rich contribution to the welfare of the church and the community."

The Deacons Wives' work as counselors, and each member of the group must have a concentrated Christian character and a friendly,

gracious and sympathetic personality.

A deacon's wife is expected to be neat in appearance and immaculate in dress. She must not do anything to hurt anyone, and her goal should be to make the most of her gifts and talents and to seek a higher power than her own.

The Deacons' Wives of Ebenezer Baptist work daily to meet these qualifications.

Monthly meetings include breakfast, devotion, Bible lessons and a discussion of business.

The public is invited to attend Ebenezer and worship at any time.

Religion News Policy

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