

INTERPRETER FOR THE DEAF

The interpreter for the deaf is responsible for interpreting messages, songs, announcements and other communication during church services and occasionally during special visits with deaf members.

Ministry Area/Department	General staff/administration
Position	Interpreter for the deaf
Accountable To	Pastor/executive pastor
Ministry Target	Church in general
Position Is	Volunteer
Position May Be Filled By	Church member
Minimum Maturity Level	New, growing Christian
Spiritual Gifts	Serving • Teaching • Exhortation
Talents or Abilities Desired	Must know and understand sign language and be able to interpret and sign messages, songs and lessons as they are being presented
Best Personality Traits	Leader-analyst or leader-dependable • Committed • Service minded
Passion For	Ministering to people who are deaf to include them in the ministry of the church
Length of Service Commitment	Indefinite

ANTICIPATED TIME COMMITMENTS

1. **Doing ministry/preparing for ministry:** two to four hours a week
2. **Participating in meetings/training:** minimal, as required

RESPONSIBILITIES/DUTIES

1. Interpret and sign Sunday morning messages, announcements and songs. Wear solid clothing or a smock in colors that provide good contrast between the skin tone of your hands and the clothing so people can easily read your sign language.
2. Interpret and sign during Sunday evening and midweek services/Bible studies as needed.
3. Greet and build relationships with the deaf members and visitors of the church.

4. Interpret conversation between the pastoral staff and deaf members as needed after services or in spiritual counseling.
5. Pray for the people to whom you minister.
6. Occasionally provide interpretation for special visits to deaf members in their homes or the hospital when other means of interpretation are not available.