
Deacon Nomination Process

- Individual is nominated via attached nomination form.
- Forms are screened through church office.
- Names are given to Deacon Nominating Committee for review.
- Potential Deacons are contacted by the Deacon Nominating Committee to consider:
 - ◇ Do they feel led by the Lord to become an ordained Deacon at FBCNN?
 - ◇ Do they meet the qualification requirements?
 - ◇ Do they understand and agree to the requirements and expectations for FBCNN Deacons?
- At a given time, nominees meet with current Deacons in small groups to answer specific ordination questions.
- Each small group makes recommendation to Deacon body and vote is taken.
- All nominees approved by the Deacon body are ordained by the congregation.
- The congregation then confirms their ordination by electing them as active Deacons for a 3 year period.



Questions about the Nomination Process?

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What is a Deacon?



FBCNN Diaconate

What are Deacons?

- Deacon is a Greek word meaning “servant.”
- Deacons exercise servanthood as spiritual leaders in our congregation.
- Since church is a spiritual organism, those who are primary leaders should be spiritually-minded persons who are alert to the leading of the Holy Spirit (1 Peter 5:2).

What do Deacons do?

- Deacons are involved in all areas of ministry in our church. They are a constant support for our senior pastor and staff.
- They are an integral part of weekly worship and always involved in serving communion.
- Their greatest work is the care they extend to members of our FBCNN family during multiple/unique times of need.

Who can serve as a Deacon?

- Our church interprets the scriptures to say that Deacons may be male or female.
- The scriptures declare that in the latter times the Lord will pour out His Spirit upon men and women alike and they shall use their gifts to minister as they are called (Acts 2:17-18).
- The scriptures are also abundant in their description of the service of women in the early church. One, Phoebe, (Romans 16:1) is called a servant (Deacon) of the church.

DEACON QUALIFICATIONS



According to scripture, (1 Timothy 3:8-13) Deacons are to be:

- “serious, not deceitful, not too free with the bottle, not greedy.
- They must be reverent before the mystery of the faith, not using their position to try to run things.
- Let them prove themselves first. If they show they can do it, take them on.
- No exceptions are to be made for women - same qualifications: serious, dependable, not sharp-tongued, not overfond of wine.
- Servants in the church are to be committed to their spouses, attentive to their own children, and diligent in looking after their own affairs.
- Those who do this servant work will come to be highly respected, a real credit to this Jesus-faith.”

Before you nominate someone, ask...

- Is this person mature in the faith? faithful in giving time, finances and talents?
- Has this person proven his/her character, faithfulness and abilities through service in the other jobs in the church?
- Is this person unwilling to become comfortable in sin?
- Will he/she, without question and hesitation, represent Christ well and the church in the community?
- Would no one be surprised to learn he/she is a Deacon in a Baptist church?

Deacon Nomination Form

Understanding the Biblical qualifications and servant nature of Deacon, and after prayerful consideration, I believe each individual listed below meets these qualifications:

___ I am currently an inactive Deacon and would like to return to the Diaconate as an active Deacon.

Respectfully submitted by:

Signature of Church Member
(unsigned nominations will not be considered)

Please submit signed form to the church office no later than
October 15, 2018