

## DEACON NOMINATION 2009

We are in the process of taking nominations for the office of Deacon. Please be much in prayer as you seek to make nominations for this office. There is a list available in the Information Center and vestibule of the men in our church who are over the age of 21 and who have been a member of the church for over one year by September 30, 2009.

There are scriptural requirements for the office of Deacon. Read 1 Timothy 3:8-13. The following explanations are to give us a common understanding of the qualifications as listed in the above scripture.

- a) "Grave" – means to be honorable.
- b) "Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience" – believing, knowing the Word, but also living up to what one knows to be its expectations.
- c) "Proved" – in other positions prior to being asked to serve as deacon.
- d) "Blameless" – not perfect, but a good man against whom no real charges of wrong can be leveled.
- e) "Husband of one wife" – does not mean he must be married, but have only one living wife.
- f) "Ruling his children and own household well" – see Ephesians 6:4.
- g) "Not given to much wine" – scripture, as a whole, encourages total abstinence.
- h) "Not double-tongued" – not saying one thing to one person and something else to another.
- i) "Not greedy of filthy lucre" – does not love money.

From Acts 6:1-7 we can add the following qualifications:

- a) "Honest report" – men give witness of the person.
- b) "Full of the Holy Spirit" – each person has the total potential of the Holy Spirit when saved. To be "filled" with the Spirit is to be totally under His control.
- c) "Full of wisdom" – is to possess wisdom which comes when fully possessed by the Holy Spirit.
- d) "Full of faith" – one who knows and believes the truths of God.

As a result of these spiritual qualifications, we ask the following questions of any nominee:

- a) Your wife will play an important role in your life as a Deacon. Please ask her about her willingness to have her husband serve. Discuss qualifications for her as given in 1 Timothy 3:11. Does she and your family participate/support the total church program?
- b) Are you willing to make sacrifices to fulfill this calling?
- c) Are you willing to be faithful in attendance to the services of the church? This means all services (regular and special) unless hindered by some good reason which is approved by a good conscience.
- d) Are you a tither? (To the church.)
- e) Are you concerned for the lost, both at home and abroad?
- f) Are you dedicated to the church and its cooperative efforts with the Association, State Convention, and Southern Baptist Convention?
- g) Do you support the staff and programs of the church?
- h) Will you refrain from criticism of the church which might lead to division or schism among the members?
- i) Will you keep secret those things which should not be discussed with others?
- j) Will you be willing to play the role of peacemaker even when you may have some very definite opinions?
- k) Do you now have any problem, habit, etc., which might prove embarrassing to you, the church, and the Kingdom?
- l) Do you accept the instructions and standards as laid out by our church covenant?
- m) Are you willing to participate in the Deacon Family Ministry Plan? This is a plan for ministering to the church families. Training in this area will be provided.

We also ask that each person nominated understand the spiritual qualifications and the qualifications set forth by the church. We ask each person nominated if they would be faithful to the meetings held each month and to the other meetings, activities, and ministries of the church.

We ask that you take into consideration the spiritual qualifications and the qualifications set forth by the church before you make a nomination. Before you submit a name for nomination, please be sure the person is willing to serve. Please fill out a Nomination Form and turn in to the church office or place in the offering plate.

**DEACON NOMINATION FORM**

**I would like to nominate the following person(s) for consideration as Deacon(s):**


PRINT YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Anyone in our church family may nominate as many men to the office of deacon as they feel led. Be sure that you have the person's consent before you submit their name. The nominations may be turned in to the church office or placed in the offering plate. PLEASE MAKE THIS A MATTER OF PRAYER ON YOUR PART.

**NOTE: Once a person is elected to office, the deacon will not rotate off unless they request to be removed from the body of deacons or are removed by action of the church.**

**If you are an ordained deacon and are willing to serve, please fill out the form below.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_