

DEACON NOMINATIONS

Overview

The word *deacon* comes directly from the Greek word *diakonos*, which means *servant*. Not surprisingly then, deacons are called to serve the body of Christ (the church) and are accountable to Christ and the Church membership.

Deacons are selected from the membership of the Church as led by the Holy Spirit and affirmed by the Church membership. A Deacon must have given evidence of spiritual maturity and a demonstrated willingness to serve, having already been involved in service to the church body. An Elder may not also serve as a Deacon at the same time. The qualifications for Deacons are contained in 1 Timothy 3:8-13. Acts 6:1-6 also likely represents the first group of Deacons in the New Testament church, offering insight into some of the ways that Deacons not only serve, but how, through their service, they can empower others to serve as well.

Selection Process

The selection of Deacons involves the completion and submission of a Deacon Nomination Form, an interview with the Elders of the Church, and an affirmative church vote of at least 80%. Before submitting a Deacon Nomination Form please confirm that the nominee is willing to serve as an Deacon if approved through the interview process and by the church vote.

Nomination

Thank you for taking time to complete this Deacon Nomination Form. Deacons play an extremely important role in our Church, one that is not to be taken lightly. As such, we ask that you prayerfully complete this form, evaluating each question honestly based on your knowledge of the nominee's qualifications for the office of Deacon at Crossroads Baptist Church of Elizabethtown. Please take time to read 1 Timothy 3:8-13 which describes the qualifications of Deacons in detail.

DEACON NOMINATION FORM

Name of Deacon Nominee _____

Signature of Nominee _____

Your Name _____

Are you a member of Crossroads Baptist Church of Elizabethtown? _____

Please answer all questions. If clarification or comments are needed to help explain your choices, please attach an additional sheet of paper. If you do not know if the nominee is qualified in an area, mark the "Don't Know" column. This is an acceptable answer and will not be held against the nominee. Please sign this form upon completion (unsigned forms will NOT be accepted).

Please confirm that the nominee is willing to serve as a Deacon if affirmed through the interview process and additionally by a church vote. Please complete this form on your own, without any input from the nominee.

DEACON QUALIFICATIONS

Before you begin...

Have you read 1 Timothy 3:8-13? _____

Have you prayerfully considered this nomination? _____

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Personal life ... is the nominee:			
self-controlled, wise, peaceable, and gentle?			
generous and sacrificial with money, and not focused on the acquisition of wealth?			
humble, patient, honest, and disciplined?			
above reproach, having no significant aspect of moral conduct that can be attacked?			
Family life ... is the nominee:			
If single:			
Self-controlled?			
If married:			
Completely committed?			
Respected by own children?			
Are own children believers (not including small children)?			
An example to be imitated by others in the church?			
Social life ... is the nominee:			
kind and hospitable to others?			
a friend to strangers?			
one who shows favoritism in relationships with others?			
one with a blameless reputation?			

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Spiritual life ... is the nominee			
a recent convert?			
spiritually mature, able to make wise, biblically sound decisions?			
sharing the good news of the Gospel with lost people?			
making disciples?			
displaying passion for the Gospel to be proclaimed to all nations?			
Committed to regular prayer?			
A lover of God's Word, evidenced by a commitment to read, study and memorize it?			
One who holds firmly to biblical truth with a clear conscience, no matter what the cost personally?			
Gracious?			
Overall...			
Do you recommend the nominee for Deacon without any reservations?			

COMMENTS

Please include any comments below that you may have to explain and support your nomination.

Evidence of a willingness to serve the body of Christ...

Evidence of an ability to model the character of Christ (especially in serving)...

Signature _____ Date _____ Phone Number _____