

# ELDER NOMINATIONS

## Overview

Elders are called to serve among and provide spiritual protection for the Church body and are accountable to Christ and the Church membership. According to the Bible, Elders are to provide leadership for the Church through prayer, the ministry of the Word, and pastoral care, and are to set the example for all Church members by their obedience to the mission of Christ and His Church (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 6:3-4; 20:28-31; 1 Corinthians 4:14-16; 1 Timothy 3:2; 5:17; Hebrews 13:7, 17; 1 Peter 5:1-4).

Elders are selected from the adult male membership of the Church as led by the Holy Spirit and affirmed by the Church membership. An Elder must have given evidence of spiritual maturity and service for an extended period of time and must have been a member of the church for at least two years. Elders include both staff and non-staff members. The qualifications for Elders are contained in 1 Timothy 3:1-7; 5:17-22; Titus 1:5-9; and 1 Peter 5:1-4. Please read and pray through the aforementioned Scriptures before you proceed with filling out this nomination form (Acts 14:23).

## Selection Process

The selection of Elders involves the completion and submission of an Elder Nomination Form, an interview with the Elders of the Church, and an affirmative church vote of at least 80%. Before submitting an Elder Nomination Form please confirm that the man you are nominating is willing to serve as an Elder if he should be approved through the interview process and by the church vote.

## Nomination

Thank you for taking time to complete this Elder Nomination Form. Elders 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 Elder at Crossroads Baptist Church of Elizabethtown. Please take time to read 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9, which describe the qualifications of Elders in detail.

# ELDER NOMINATION FORM

Name of Elder 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 man you are nominating is willing to serve as an Elder should he be affirmed through the interview process and additionally by a church vote. However, please complete this form on your own, without any input from the man being nominated.

## ELDER QUALIFICATIONS

### Before you begin...

Have you read 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you prayerfully considered this nomination? \_\_\_\_\_

	Yes	No	Don't Know
<b>In his personal life...</b>			
Do you know him to be self-controlled, wise, peaceable, and gentle?			
Is he generous and sacrificial with his money, not focused on the acquisition of wealth, and does he obtain all his money in an honest and straightforward manner?			
Is he humble, patient, honest, and disciplined?			
Is he above reproach, having nothing significant in his moral conduct that can be attacked?			
<b>In his family life...</b>			
Does he manage his family well, assuming his responsibility as spiritual leader?			
If he is single, is he self-controlled?			
If he is married, is he completely committed to his wife?			
Is his wife a believer?			
Do his children respect and obey him, not displaying open defiance toward him or the Lord?			
Are his children believers (not including small children)?			
Should other men imitate the way he leads his family?			
<b>In his social life...</b>			
Is he kind and hospitable to others?			
Is he a friend to strangers?			
Does he show favoritism in his relationships with others?			
Does he have a blameless reputation?			
<b>In his spiritual life...</b>			
Is he saved and not a recent convert?			
Do you consider him spiritually mature, able to make wise, biblically sound decisions?			
Is he leading lost people to faith in Christ?			

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Is he making disciples?			
Does he have a passion for the Gospel to be proclaimed to all nations?			
Is he a man of prayer?			
Does he love God's Word, evidenced by a commitment to read, study and memorize it?			
Is he a man known for sound scriptural doctrine, able to encourage those who don't understand, and to refute those who oppose it?			
Do you believe he is a man who holds firmly to biblical truth with a clear conscience, no matter what the cost to him personally?			
Is he able to teach?			
Is he gracious?			
<b>Overall...</b>			
Do you recommend that he be considered for Elder without any reservations?			
Do you believe he would uphold the Bylaws of the Church in their entirety?			
Do you believe this is a man that the people of the Church will/should want to imitate?			
Is he a man who can be trusted with confidences, dealing appropriately with sensitive and/or confidential issues?			

### ELDER RESPONSIBILITIES

Please add comments below to support your nomination.

Evidence of his ability to lead the Church under the authority of Christ...

Evidence of his ability to care for the body of Christ...

Evidence of his ability to teach the Word of Christ...

Evidence of his ability to model the character of Christ...

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_