

Deacon Nomination and Acceptance Form

Nomination Process

Our Deacon Election will occur this year on September 20. Twelve (12) deacons will be elected from a list of nominees. The nomination process will begin on July 5 and end on August 16. The following steps will lead you through the process:

Step 1: Nomination by Church Member: In order to nominate someone for deacon, please review the requirements for nominees and fill out the Nomination by Church Member Form on the back page.

Step 2: Nominee Acceptance: Contact the person that you nominated, and have them complete the Nominee Acceptance Form on the back page. Deliver the completed form to the Deacon Ballot Box in the Church Office.

Step 3: Nominee Commitment To Serve: Nominees will be contacted by members of the Deacon Election Committee to inform them of the schedule for pictures, biographies, orientation and self-evaluation. At the end of the orientation and self-evaluation the nominee must sign the Commitment to Serve Form to be listed on the election ballot.

Requirements for Deacon

1. Be at least 25 years of age and a member of First Baptist Church, Huntsville at least two (2) consecutive years immediately preceding the nomination.
2. A member currently serving on the church staff will not be eligible to serve on the active deacon rotation.
3. Two members living in the same household may not serve simultaneously on the deacon rotation.
4. Deacons will serve for three (3) years, unless elected to fill an unexpired term, and the term of service will begin in October and conclude in September.
5. Deacons rotating off the active rotation cannot succeed themselves for one year, unless the deacon is rotating off after serving an unexpired term of 12 months or less.
6. Deacons demonstrate growth toward mature faith – are people of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom (Acts 6:3); they should hold to the revealed truth of the faith with a clear conscience (1 Tim. 3:9); be an example of a believer in Christ, in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity (1 Tim. 4:12).
7. Deacons demonstrate Christian home life – are faithful to the marriage relationship, good managers of their children and their own households (1 Tim. 3:12). The deacon's family life should set a good example. A person may be elected to serve as deacon while single. As with deacons, spouses should conduct themselves in ways that make them worthy of respect (1 Tim. 3:11).
8. Deacons demonstrate personal and public morality and a life accepted by God and the church –Deacons should strive to avoid any activity or substance that could diminish the role of the Holy Spirit as the controlling force in one's life or that interferes with one's bringing honor to God and the church. A deacon is a servant, and is elected not to be honored, but to honor and serve God and His church (1 Tim. 3:8, 10, 13; Phil 1:27).
9. Deacons are tithers in belief and practice.
10. Deacons support the programs and ministries of FBC, Huntsville by their presence, service and giving.
11. An orientation/self-evaluation course must be taken by those nominated, whether already ordained or not. At the completion of the course, a form must be signed indicating that the nominee believes he/she meets the First Baptist Church, Huntsville requirements for deacon, and commits to continue to grow toward a mature faith.
12. All newly elected deacons who have not been previously ordained in accordance with the practices of First Baptist Church, Huntsville will be expected to share their Christian testimony, beliefs, and commitments before the church in an ordination service.

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Step 1: Nomination by Church Member

I nominate _____ to be a candidate for the Active Deacon Rotation. I believe that the person I am nominating meets the Requirements for Deacon of First Baptist Church Huntsville.

Printed Name of Nominator _____

Signature of Nominator _____

Date _____

Step 2: Nominee Acceptance

Believing that I meet the First Baptist Church, Huntsville, Requirements for Deacon and committing to continue to grow toward a more mature Christian faith, I am willing for my name to be placed in nomination and to proceed with the deacon orientation/self evaluation session to be conducted prior to the election.

Signature of Person Nominated _____

Date _____

Deliver this form to the Deacon Ballot Box in the Church Office Not Later than August 16.