



First Baptist Jackson

CONFIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATION FOR DEACON NOMINATION

(Deadline for submission on or before Monday, April 4, 2016)

Deacons of First Baptist Jackson are first and foremost servants. The New Testament Greek word “diakonos”, which is transliterated in our English Bibles as “Deacon”, is simply and wonderfully the Greek word for “Servant”.

NOTE TO NOMINATOR: While this form and the information contained in it is confidential to the Deacon Nominating Committee, you are encouraged to discuss this information with the prospective nominee. The nominator should use his/her own discretion as to how the following information is gathered. Complete information is essential to the Committee’s work.

1. Following prayerful consideration, I consider the following person to have accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior and to have met the requirements listed below in Paragraphs 5, 6 and 7, and I recommend that he be considered for nomination as a Deacon of First Baptist Jackson: (PLEASE PRINT)

_____ Age: _____

2. His wife's name is: _____

3. Children (Names and ages, if known): _____

4. His occupation is: _____ Employer: _____

5. Member of First Baptist Jackson since _____, if known. He must have been a member of First Baptist Jackson for at least three years, as of January 1, 2016. If he has been a member for a total of three years, but not consecutively, he must have been a member since January 1, 2014.

6. I believe this person clearly meets the following Scriptural requirements to become a Deacon:

I Timothy 3:8-11 - Deacons, likewise, are to be men worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as Deacons. In the same way, their wives are to be women worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything. (NIV)

Acts 6:3 - Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them. (NIV)

7. I believe this person would clearly meet First Baptist Church's duly adopted qualifications and expectations for Deacons, as follows:

The selected Deacons shall have a deep personal commitment and dedication to our Lord and His church and have the heart of a servant. “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve ...” (Mark 10:45a).

They are expected to be particularly conscious of their responsibility with regard to attendance, service and participation in all Deacons’ Meetings, Sunday School and church development activities, and Worship Services of the church.

They are expected to faithfully support the budget as practicing tithers and the programs of the Church through service.

The complete church policy on Deacon nomination, as well as the “Statement Of My Commitment Upon Being An Active Deacon” are available for review on the First Baptist Jackson website – www.firstbaptistjackson.org.

8. This person has demonstrated his commitment to Jesus Christ and to First Baptist Jackson in the following ways:

A. Areas of Service: (please attach additional pages, if needed)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

B. Sunday School/Discipleship Training Activities:

- 1. Member of what class: _____
- 2. Positions held: _____
- 3. Faithfulness of attendance: _____
- 4. Comments: _____

C. Worship Services he regularly attends:

9:00 A.M. _____ 10:30 A.M. _____ 6:00 P.M. _____

C. Other Church Activities (please attach additional pages, if needed):

9. Has this person been previously ordained? Yes _____ No _____ Not Known _____

10. If yes, what church: _____ When: _____

11. State how long and in what capacity you have known this person and why you are recommending this person for consideration by the Deacon Nominating Committee (please attach additional pages, if needed).

12. Contact Information for Nominee (if available):

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Numbers: (H) _____ (W) _____

(C) _____ Email: _____

I recommend this person for consideration as a Deacon of First Baptist Jackson.

I have have not discussed this information with the nominee. He and I understand that there may be more nominees than there are available vacancies to be filled.

Printed Name

Date

Signature

PLEASE PLACE IN A SEALED ENVELOPE MARKED "CONFIDENTIAL" AND RETURN ON OR BEFORE Monday, April 4, 2016 TO:

FIRST BAPTIST JACKSON
BUSINESS OFFICE
ATTN: DEACON NOMINATING COMMITTEE
P. O. BOX 250
JACKSON, MS 39205-0250