

September 14, 2022

Dear Resident Member,

We are beginning the annual process of electing Deacons. Men elected this year will serve for 3 years beginning in January 2023.

The Deacon election will be by the church at large. The Deacon Ministry is at its heart a service ministry. It is an important ministry at Lynwood as this is how many families are ministered to during times of need. We encourage you to take time in prayer as you consider the men you will be nominating to serve as Deacons. Your Church Directory is a good source for possible candidates.

For the position of Deacon, each man is asked to commit to a covenant, a copy of which is enclosed. You will also find enclosed a statement of biblical qualifications to serve as Deacon. To be eligible for election, a man must meet these qualifications and be a resident member of Lynwood for one year.

You will also find enclosed a list of men who are ineligible for election due to currently serving as Deacons, or are ineligible for election because they are completing 3 years of continuous service and are rotating off.

The Chairman of Deacons each year will appoint 3 active deacons to serve as a nominating committee for the Deacon election. All names from our church family will be submitted to that nominating committee. The committee will present a slate of names to be voted on by the church at large. The nomination form enclosed allows you to nominate up to 6 men. Each resident member should complete only one nomination form for this Deacon election. All nominations must be in by Sunday, October 16th.

Nominations may be done online at lynwood.church, emailed to sclarke@lynwoodbc.org or placed in the offering plates on Sunday mornings. You may also bring your nomination form to the church office, or return it by mail to:

Lynwood Baptist Church
Attention: Susan Clarke
2935 Lynwood Hills Drive
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Thank you and God Bless.
Jim Hoffman, Chairman of Deacons

THE FOLLOWING MEN ARE **NOT** TO BE NOMINATED. THEY ARE EITHER ROTATING OFF OR ARE REMAINING ON AS AN ACTIVE DEACON.

The following Deacons are remaining active.	The following Deacons are rotating off. They are ineligible to be elected for <u>2023</u> .
1. Byron Aden	1. Tom Aden
2. Ryan Bandermann	2. Lee Baker
3. Alan Branson	3. Mike Bolen
4. Larry Caldwell	4. Clif Crosnoe
5. Garrett Dugan	5. Matt Ewasko
6. Ken Gleason	6. Mike Greene
7. Ron Hill	7. Jim Hastings
8. Alan Moreland	8. Jim Hoffman
9. Gene Morgan	9. Hal Majors
10. Darren Steelman	10. Mark Strickland
11. Marshall Whitworth	11. Jeremy Walling
12. Grady Yount	12. Ken Gullett (moved away)

2023 Nomination Form

Please list up to 6 men that you have prayerfully considered and whom you feel meet the qualifications of deacon as listed in Scripture. *Nominations may be turned in during either worship service on Sundays, up to October 16th. You may also email, mail to the church office, or bring your nominations to the Church Office, no later than Sunday, October 16th.*

This form is also available online at lynwood.church

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**Responsibilities and Covenant
For the Deacons of
Lynwood Baptist Church**

- I. **Attendance:** Every deacon agrees to maintain consistent and regular attendance in Bible study and worship services, as well as all regularly scheduled deacon meetings, and special meetings, as required.
- II. **Stewardship:** A deacon is expected to be a faithful steward of all the Lord has entrusted to his care. He is to give at least a tithe of his time, talent, and treasures to the Lord through the church.
- III. **Ministry:** The deacon fulfills a ministry role with the families assigned to him under the Deacon Family Ministry of the church. The Family Ministry will require contacts on a regular basis (quarterly) as well as time of special opportunities. He serves as an extension of the ministerial staff to the congregation. The deacon will also serve as Deacon of the Week and participate in the Prayer Ministry.
- IV. **Example:** The deacon's personal life should not bring reproach upon the Lord or His church. He should not use intoxicating beverages or anything that would dishonor Christ. His home should be an example pleasing to God. He should maintain spiritual leadership with his family. His marriage should be strong. He should have a good relationship with all members of his family. His wife should be a strong supporter of his life and ministry, and the ministry of the church.
- V. **Doctrinal:** He should be in line with the Baptist Faith and Message as published in 2000. He is expected to know what the Bible teaches, follow those teachings, and be able to lead others in their understandings of its teachings. He should be supportive of the Cooperative Program and the philosophy of the denomination (missions and evangelism).
- VI. **Leadership:** The deacons should accept teaching or leadership roles in the church as the Lord leads. Serve the Lord's Supper as needed. He should be a strong supporter of all ministerial staff and the ministries of the church.
- VII. **Training:** The deacon agrees to participate in all training offered by the church specifically for deacons.

Covenant Statement

As a Deacon of Lynwood Baptist Church, I certify that I am in total agreement with the stated requirements of this covenant, and that I will adhere to these principles in my life-style and ministry as a Deacon.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please Print Name Here: _____

THE QUALIFICATIONS OF A DEACON

1 Timothy 3:8-13

⁸ Deacons likewise must be men of dignity, not double-tongued, or addicted to much wine or fond of sordid gain, ⁹ but holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰ These men must also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach. ¹¹ Women must likewise be dignified, not malicious gossips, but temperate, faithful in all things.

¹² Deacons must be husbands of only one wife, and good managers of their children and their own households. ¹³ For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a high standing and great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

Qualifications of Deacons listed:

- A. Must be men of dignity (1 Tim. 3:8)
- B. Not double-tongued (1 Tim. 3:8)
- C. Not addicted to much wine (1 Tim. 3:8)
- D. Not fond of sordid gain (1 Tim. 3:8)
- E. Holding to the mystery of faith (1 Tim. 3:9)
- F. Has a clear conscience (1 Tim. 3:9)
- G. First be tested (1 Tim. 3:10)
- H. Beyond reproach (1 Tim. 3:10; Titus 2:8)
- I. Husband of only one wife (1 Tim. 3:12)
- J. Good manager of his children (1 Tim. 3:12)
- K. Good manager of his household(1 Tim. 3:12)

The meaning of the word *Deacon*

The word *deacon* comes from the Greek word diakonos. This word occurs a number of times in the Scriptures, but only four times to describe what we call deacons in the church today. Diakonos means servant, minister, waiter, or attendant. When used in an official way it describes what we call deacons of the church. In Acts chapter six, the apostles instructed the congregation to select seven men who were to be appointed to the task of daily serving the needs of the congregation. They waited upon the people. They served the widows. They rendered *active service* toward solving a problem. This is the meaning of the term diakonos.