

Nominations Are Open for Men to Serve as Deacons on the 2017-2018 Deacon Body

Deacon nominations: If you would like to recommend a man to be a deacon, write his name and phone number along with your name and phone number on the back of this form. Please forward to the Deacon Nominating Team (c/o Georjean Nixon).

Please submit your nomination(s) in by December 4, 2017.

As you contemplate nominations for deacon, please review the scriptural qualifications for the deacon as recorded in 1 Timothy 3 and Acts 6. The following interpretation is given of these passages.

Deacon Qualification List

1. A deacon must be a Christian, having experienced the miracle of salvation. This must be so reflected in his life as to impress those about him that he is "blameless," **1 Timothy 3:10** and of "good reputation," **Acts 6:3**.
2. A deacon must be a man who is "full of the Holy Spirit." He will indicate a genuine spiritual concern, as indicated in **Acts 6:3**. To be "full of Him" is to be wholly yielded to His direction.
3. A deacon must be a man of sound judgment. This is derived from the word "wisdom" as found in **Acts 6:3**. He is not to let his own interests or prejudices overrule his judgment.
4. A deacon must faithfully minister to each widow assigned to him making sure they are not overlooked in the area of church provided activities or the neglect of basic necessities, **Acts 6:1-3**.
5. A deacon must be a man of faith as shown in the account of Stephen, **Acts 6:5**.
6. A deacon must be one who is "not double-tongued," **1 Timothy 3:8**. In his conversation and attitudes, he should seek to put into practice the principles, "If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue...this one's religion is useless," **James 1:26** and "Blessed are the peacemakers," **Matthew 5:9**.
7. A deacon must tithe, thereby supporting the financial program of the church. **1 Timothy 3:8** says that he is "not greedy for money."
8. A deacon must be sound in doctrine, "holding the mystery of the faith," **1 Timothy 3:9**.

9. A deacon must be a supporter of the total church program. He will regularly attend worship services, Bible study class and be involved in at least one area of service at Sagemont Church. A deacon will faithfully discharge his duties as a servant of the Lord Jesus and Sagemont church by committing to attend deacons' meetings and activities except when, on occasion, he is unable to attend due to work, family gatherings, supporting his child's or wife's activities, is out of town, sick, or otherwise unable to attend due to a similar situation. A deacon must be able to minister to all who attend Sagemont Church including the pastor, staff and members. This is based on the words "pure conscience" in **1 Timothy 3:9**.
10. A deacon must not be divorced. "Let deacons be husbands of one wife," **1 Timothy 3:12**.
11. A deacon should properly discipline his children, **1 Timothy 3:12**.
12. A deacon is to be "beyond reproach" and "blameless" according to **1 Timothy 3:10** (NASB/KJV). In that regard, it is Sagemont's position that a deacon is to have nothing to do with the direct sale or use of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, pornography, or tobacco products of any description in his home or business.
13. A deacon's wife must maintain the **same qualities** as her husband, **1 Timothy 3:11**, "likewise their wives must be reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things." For example, we interpret this to mean: not divorced, supporter of the total church program, a Christian, faithful in the faith, not a gossip, etc.

All scripture references are from the New King James Version unless otherwise noted.

I nominate _____ Phone _____
(Please print name)

Submitted by _____ Phone _____
(Please print name)