

Suggestions for Nominating Deacons

Our Deacon Nominating Committee (in accordance with the method of selecting Deacons as approved by our church) requests that you submit names of those men you feel are qualified to fill the important office of Deacon.

Biblical Qualifications

The office of Deacon is one of the highest calls to service offered by our church. Before making your nominations, please review these **biblical qualifications** which give requirements for **general reputation, spiritual attributes** and **family relationships**.

Acts 6:3: "Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom." (Read Acts 6:3-8.)

I Timothy 3:8-13: "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. A deacon must be the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well. Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus."

Practical Standards

Certain **practical standards** are also recognized by our church. Each deacon should:

- (1) Be a committed, Bible-believing Christian.
- (2) Support the total ministry and program of our church.
- (3) Be actively involved in the ministries and worship opportunities of our church (morning and evening).
- (4) Abstain from the use and personal promotion of alcoholic beverages.
- (5) Give a minimum of a tithe of his income through our church.
- (6) Be a consistent personal witness to the unsaved.
- (7) Have been an active member of Shades Mountain Baptist Church at least one year.

Those listed below are currently serving as Deacons and **should NOT** be considered in your suggestions:

Terms Expire 2019

John Bell
John Collier
Mark English
Steve Foster
Jim Foyt
Mark Garnett
Kent Johnson
Gregg Morrison
Greg Olexa
Robert Orr
Buddy Seay

Terms Expire 2020

Walt Autrey
Richie Bruce
David Cheng
Alex Childs
Jerry Cotney
Jordy Henson
Mike Little
Paul Pence
Randy Pittman
Adam Plant
Jase Vann

Terms Expire 2021

Rob Bensinger
Aaron Bishop
Milt Chamberlain
Walter Church
Josh Clarke
Steve Hancock
Scott Johnson
David Matthews
Mark Nunnally
Greg Ott
David Powell

Deacon Emeritus:

Jim Cartledge, George Hand, Alvin Hawk, Shu Huang, Hewett Mullenix, Harold Parrish and Harold Payne

We request that you consider prayerfully the men of our church, and submit the names of those you feel are qualified to serve. From the suggested names, the committee will nominate 11 to serve three-year terms. Upon approval of the Deacons, these eleven will begin serving in January.

You can email your recommendations to jbuchanan@shades.org *making sure you include the number of SMBC members in your household* or you can write in your suggestions and mail or bring this sheet to the Church Office, turn it in through your Sunday School, or deposit it in the offering plate during a worship service **no later than Wednesday, November 6, 2019.**

(Detach here)

The above Nomination Form represents _____ (indicate number) Shades Mountain Baptist members in this household.