

GUIDELINES FOR SUGGESTIONS - DEACONS

Each year Deacons are set apart for service to and through our church.

- Sixteen (16) persons will be elected to serve as Deacons for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2023.
- You are encouraged to have a part in this process by suggesting a person or persons you believe would serve effectively as a Deacon.
- A form for you to print and complete is attached, or you can submit names by emailing nominate@dawsonchurch.org or by visiting the church's website at www.dawsonchurch.org/nominate.

In thinking about who to suggest, please consider the following:

- Does this person have the qualifications as set forth in the Bible and church Bylaws? (See below)
- Does this person provide a positive example in attitude, actions, and service both to church members and to those outside the church?

NOTE: Deacons presently serving are not eligible for election this year. (See list below)

DAWSON MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH CURRENT BOARD OF DEACONS - 2022 (Not eligible for term beginning January 1, 2023)

**Adams, Matt
Arendall, Doug
Averett, Jim
Black, Chris
Blackman, Eric
Bragg, Taylor
Brightbill, T.C
Byrd, Chris
Compere, Collins
Crisler, Rob
Daniel, Joe
Dansby, Elliott
Doss, Garrett
Douthit, Charlie
Ellis, Joe
George, Brian**

**Glaze, Jeff
Griffith, Matt
Gunnells, Jeff
Hartin, Chris
Hathorne, Mike
Holbert, Brooke
Hughes, Paul
Isley, Jerome
Jackson, Larry
Kimrey, Phil
Lambert, Christopher
Long, Charley
Manly, Hal
Marlin, Andrew
Martin, Craig
McCutchin, Mike**

**Middleton, Brian
Moore, Mitch
Morlandt, Tony
Newman, Larry
Nolen, Rodney
Settle, Tom
Smith, Jim
Smith, Rowan
Smithson, Scott
Stinson, Mike
Swedenburg, Scott
Tew, Brad
Thornton, Dean
Whittington, Kyle
Wilson, Doug
Worrell, Bradley**

ARTICLE FROM CHURCH BYLAWS

Board of Deacons The Board of Deacons shall be composed of forty-eight (48) members, provided that the Church Conference may order this number increased when, in the opinion of a majority, such increase is justified. Deacons shall be elected for a period of three years, one-third of whom shall be elected each year. Deacons shall not be eligible for re-election until after one year has elapsed between terms. In the event of a vacancy on the Board, the Nominating Committee shall nominate to the Church Conference a replacement to fill the unexpired term of the vacancy. Nomination for Deacons to be elected for a full term shall be made by the Nominating Committee, as provided for other officers. The Nominating Committee shall seek suggestions for Deacon nominees from the Church membership.

Qualifications for selection for Deacon shall be as follows:

1. Scriptural requirements as found in I Timothy 3:8-13
2. Personal faith in Jesus Christ and life of prayer and consecration
3. Total abstinence from alcoholic beverages
4. Tithing practiced
5. Of proven high character and high moral standards
6. Faithful participation in all Church activities
7. Belief in and support of the cause of worldwide missions

DEACON COMMITMENT

Because Deacons are spiritual leaders and servants of the church, they commit themselves to the following:

1. Support through Christian Example

- Strive for the same Christian life-style and qualities that you expect in your spiritual leaders.
- Abstain from strong drink and other practices that impair Christian witness.
- Provide opportunities of spiritual growth for your family.
- Practice the Christian personal disciplines of prayer, Bible study and service.

2. Support through Church Fellowship

- Promote a Christlike spirit of harmony in the church through positive communication and encouragement of the church's ministry.
- Work proactively for Christlike solutions whenever a misunderstanding or problem arises.

3. Support of Church Worship and Bible Study

- Participate actively in an ongoing Dawson Bible Study.
- Be available to serve in taking up the offering as needed.
- Be available to serve in the Lord's Supper as needed.
- Participate in the corporate worship services and other public worship services which the church provides.

4. Support of Christian Stewardship

- Give at least a tithe (10 percent) of family income and make sacrificial commitments to God's work through the annual budget of the church.
- Participate in the Mission offerings, and support the church approved ministries.
- Be willing to give a testimony about tithing and sacrificial giving to others, as requested.
- Give time and energy to the building of God's Kingdom.

5. Support of Christian Outreach

- Serve as Dawson Family Minister (contacting select Dawson members on at least a quarterly basis)
- Participate in the church's outreach ministries.
- Support the church's missions ministry.

Deacon Suggestion Form

I would like to suggest the following person(s) for consideration as Deacon

Your Name (print) _____ Your Signature _____

