

Main Street Baptist Church

Deacon Recommendation Form¹

Deacons are selected from the membership of the Church as led by the Holy Spirit, examined by the Elders, and affirmed by the Church membership. A Deacon candidate must have given evidence of spiritual maturity, and a demonstrated willingness to serve, having already been involved in service to the church body.

The qualifications for Deacons are found in 1 Timothy 3:8-13 and Acts 6:1-6, which represents the first group of Deacons in the New Testament church, offering insight into some of the ways that Deacons not only serve, but how, through their service, they can empower others to serve as well.

Any adult, man or woman, who is a member in good standing at MSBC may be recommended to serve as a deacon/deaconess. Only active members of MSBC may make a recommendation.

Name of Deacon/Deaconess Nominee: _____

Member's Name: _____

Please answer all questions. If clarification or comments are needed to help explain your choices, please attach an additional sheet of paper. **If you do not know if the nominee is qualified in an area, mark the "Don't Know" column. This is an acceptable answer and will not be held against the nominee.** Upon completion, please sign this form (unsigned forms will NOT be accepted). Please confirm whether the nominee is willing to serve as a Deacon if affirmed through the interview process by the Elders and by a church vote. Please complete this form on your own, without any input from the nominee.

DEACON QUALIFICATIONS

Before you begin...please read and reflect on 1 Timothy 3:8-13 and prayerfully consider this nomination.

¹ Source: Adapted from Crossroads Baptist Church of Elizabethtown, KY

Personal life...is the nominee:	Yes	No	Don't Know
Self-controlled, wise, peaceable, and gentle?			
Generous and sacrificial with money, and not focused on the acquisition of wealth?			
Humble, patient, honest, and disciplined?			
Above reproach, having no significant aspect of moral conduct that can be attacked?			
Family life...is the nominee:	Yes	No	Don't Know
If single:			
Self-controlled?			
Able to manage the household and financial resources well?			
If married:			
Completely committed to his or her spouse?			
Respected by his or her children?			
Are their children believers (not including small children)?			
Able to manage his or her household and financial resources well?			
An example to be imitated by others in the church?			

Social life...is the nominee:	Yes	No	Don't Know
Kind and hospitable to others?			
A friend to strangers?			
One who shows no favoritism in relationships with others?			
One with a blameless reputation?			
Spiritual life...is the nominee:	Yes	No	Don't Know
A recent convert?			
Spiritually mature, demonstrating progress toward godly living?			
Sharing the good news of the Gospel with lost people?			
Making disciples?			
Displaying a passion for the Gospel to be proclaimed to all nations?			
Committed to regular prayer?			
A lover of God's Word, evidenced by a commitment to read, study and memorize it?			
One who holds firmly to biblical truth with a clear conscience, no matter what the personal costs?			
Gracious, kind, and gentle in dealings with others?			

Please include any comments below to explain or support your nomination.

Evidence of a willingness to serve the body of Christ.

Evidence of an ability to model the character of Christ (especially in serving).

Do you recommend the nominee for Deacon/Deaconess without any reservations?

_____(Yes) _____(No)

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Phone Number: _____

Please return this recommendation form to the Elders for review.