

Section 5 Deacons

Wherever the term deacon is used in this document, it shall be understood to mean one who is actively serving an elected term.

A. Requirements

1. A deacon shall have been a member of this church for at least one year.
2. He shall measure up to the scriptural requirements as given in I Timothy 3:8-13, and Acts 6:3.
3. He shall accept the Holy Bible as the inerrant, inspired and infallible Word of God.
4. He shall live a consecrated Christian life, bringing no reproach by his conduct upon the church or the cause of Christ.
5. He shall seek to be in attendance at all services of the church.
6. He shall be a scriptural tither according to Malachi 3:8 and Matthew 23:23.
7. He shall support and uphold the doctrine and spirit of the church covenant.

B. Responsibilities

1. In accordance with the meaning of the work and the practice of the New Testament, deacons are to be servants of the church. The task of the deacon is to serve the pastor and staff in performing pastoral ministries, proclaim the Gospel to believers and unbelievers, care for church members and other persons in the community, lead the church to engage in fellowship of worship, witness, education, ministry, **and** prayer to the church.
2. The deacons shall annually elect their own chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary. They may **insert** themselves into such committees for efficiency in service.
3. The deacons shall work with the pastor to best meet spiritual **and physical** needs of the church. A deacon **shall make every attempt** to attend all meetings associated with the deacon body.

4 The Deacons shall arrange for supply speakers, evangelists for revivals, and other special speakers.

5 Deacons shall prepare and serve the element s for the Lord's Supper.

C. Tenure of Office

1. The term of a deacon shall be three years. When a deacon's term expires he shall not be eligible for election until at least one year has intervened.
2. A deacon may be terminated from office only after following the process as specified under "Discipline of Members".

D. Selection

The **Deacon's** shall, from the church membership, nominate a committee of three (3) to serve each year as the Deacon Nominating Committee. This committee shall serve for a full year to nominate deacon candidates for any and all vacancies during the church year. This full committee must change each year and cannot serve again until one full year has elapsed. The committee shall personally interview all candidates to review the requirements and responsibilities of deaconship. Recommended candidates who agree to serve, shall **be** elected by the church at any official business meeting.