

The 2021 Deacon Nominating Committee is tasked to recommend the composition of the Deacon Body for the upcoming year, considering one third of the Body rotates from Active to Reserve status at the expiration of a three-year term of service.

Accordingly, the Committee makes the following recommendations, to be effective **January 1, 2022:**

**I. That the following individuals return from Reserve status to serve a three-year term ending December 31, 2024:**

Brad Arcement  
Bill Ashford  
Ross Aven  
Harry Barrett  
Adair Blackledge  
Keith Branning  
Tim Burton  
Charles Chisolm  
Ron Crowe  
Steve Dukes  
Joe Dan Edwards  
Harold Fisher  
Edward Green  
Mark Green  
Whit Hawkins  
Blake Headley  
Mike Herm  
Matt Jones  
Mike Keeling  
Dale Kennon  
Sonny Kullman  
Pete Massey  
Brad Moreman  
Gene Newman  
Doug Parkin  
Mark Rich

Randal Russell  
Walter Shelton  
Rixon Simmons  
Art Stevens  
Andy Talley  
Carson Walker  
Mark Williams  
Jeff Zachary

**II. That the following individuals return from Reserve status to serve a two-year term ending December 31, 2023:**

Johnny Jones  
John Norris

**III. That the following individuals return from Reserve status to serve a one-year term ending December 31, 2022:**

None

**IV. That the following previously ordained Deacons be elected to serve a three-year term ending December 31, 2024:**

Keith Head  
Bob Stephenson

**V. That the following individuals be ordained and elected to serve a three-year term ending December 31, 2024:**

Dane Gecina  
Blake Johnson  
Trey Proctor  
Justin Stroud

**VI. That the following individual be elected a Life Deacon:**

Frank Buchanan

Respectfully submitted,

**2021 DEACON NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Jackie Meck, Chairman  
Jamie Butler  
John Norris  
Richard Rebich, Vice Chair  
Bill Boteler, Secretary  
Bae Waller  
Cody Bailey  
Karan Payne  
Jeff Zachary  
Bob Filgo, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair of Deacons

The congregation will be asked to vote on these recommendations during the **Special Called Business Meeting** to be held after the Evening Service on Sunday, August 29, 2021, at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

The **Deacon Ordination Service** is scheduled for Sunday, October 17, 2021.

Deacons of First Baptist Jackson are first and foremost servants. The New Testament Greek word “diakonos”, which is transliterated in our English Bibles as “Deacon”, is simply and wonderfully the Greek word for “Servant”.

The following is a statement all Deacons sign when they begin a new term of service:

#### STATEMENT OF MY COMMITMENT UPON BEING AN ACTIVE DEACON

Having been nominated by the Deacon Nominating Committee to become an active Deacon, beginning January 1, 2022, I have examined myself and have sought the Lord's leadership, and agree to allow my name to be presented to the Church for consideration in selecting me as a Deacon for an active term in this Church, and in doing so:

- I believe in, and am relying upon, the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Savior.
- I will earnestly seek the Lord's direction in every area of my life, including the use of my time, my material possessions, my unique abilities, and my influence to both serve the Lord and project a positive Christian example in His Kingdom here on earth and through this Church. Further, I will continuously examine the quality of my spiritual life to assure that I walk in the light as He is in the light at all times. In so doing, I will endeavor to avoid sin at every turn and, as needed, seek forgiveness and repent as Christ commanded. I will also take care that, in exercising my personal freedom, I do not become a stumbling block to other brothers and sisters, so that I may live in continuous fellowship with Him.

- I commit to the following Scriptural requirements to serving as a Deacon:

*1 Timothy 3:8-11 - 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. (NIV)*

*Acts 6:3 - Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them. (NIV)*

- I recognize that the great commission of my Lord Jesus Christ is to reach the lost people of the world, and as a Deacon of First Baptist Jackson, I commit myself to use my abilities to accomplish this commission through personal prayer, Bible study, and personal involvement to reach the lost.
- I commit myself to make a consistent continuous effort to love and minister to my fellow church members.
- I acknowledge my responsibility and commit myself to faithfully and regularly attend Sunday School and morning and evening Worship Services on the Lord's Day and other activities of the week as much as my family and work responsibilities will allow, and to faithfully support the budget of this Church.
- I will make a consistent effort to regularly attend the monthly Deacons Meetings and carry out any committee assignments.



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## DEACON NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION

AUGUST 2021