

The 2020 Deacon Nominating Committee makes the following recommendations, to be effective January 1, 2021:

- I. That the following individuals return from reserve status to serve a three-year term ending December 31, 2023:

*Heyward Bell
Mike Brinson
Karl Byrd
Graham Calvert
Randy Calvert
Al Crawley
Rodney DePriest
Brian Fortenberry
Bobby Graham
David Hatchett
David Hancock
Clay Hays
Russell Holmes
Stan Jones
Mike Kenney
Tommy Ladner
Ron Martin
Mitch McCoy
Jim Merritt, Jr.
Ashley Moseley
Johnny Newell
Paul Pratt
Rance Sapan
John Scarbrough
Ken Sims
Jerold Sit
Taylor Sledge
Stan Smith
Frank Stebbins
Bob Turner
Danny White
Thomas Wiley*

- II. That the following individuals return from reserve status to serve a one-year term ending December 31, 2021:

None

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

*Bob Filgo
Chris Maddux
Scott Shappley*

- IV. That the following previously ordained Deacons be elected to serve a three-year term ending December 31, 2023:

*Ken Booker
Ken Magee
Rusty Scafidel*

- V. That the following individuals be ordained and elected to serve a three-year term ending December 31, 2023:

*David Nichols
Neil Haraway
Johnny Ray
Tommy Stansell*

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

David Gibbs

Respectfully submitted,

2020 DEACON NOMINATING COMMITTEE

*Spence Young, Chairman
Frank Buchanan
Becke' Melton
Jamie Butler
Jackie Meck
John Norris
Richard Rebich
Bill Boteler
Bae Waller*

The congregation will be asked to vote on these recommendations during the 6:00 P.M. Special-Called Business Meeting on November 11, 2020, in the Chapel.

The Deacon Ordination Service is scheduled for Sunday morning, November 15, 2020.

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

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”.

Having been nominated by the Deacon Nominating Committee to become an active Deacon, beginning in January 1, 2021, 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 understand that in God's Holy Scriptures, the word Deacon means “servant” and as a Deacon of First Baptist Jackson, I will strive to serve our Lord and His church in every way I can.*
- *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.*
- *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 will faithfully support the budget of this church as a practicing tither and will give to His church as the Holy Spirit directs.*

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- *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.*
- *I commit myself to make a consistent continuous effort to love and minister to my fellow church members.*
- *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 to use my abilities to accomplish this commission through personal prayer, Bible study, and personal involvement to reach the lost.*
- *I will make a consistent effort to regularly attend the Deacons' meetings each month and carry out any committee assignments.*
- *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)



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November 8, 2020