

GRACE CROSSING BAPTIST CHURCH

DEACON NOMINATION

Our elders are seeking nominations from the membership of Grace Crossing Baptist Church for the office of deacon. Nominations are requested to be received no later than July 1st, 2021.

Nominations must include the name of the nominee, reason (s) for your nomination, and your name. Please complete the reverse side of this page. You may place in a sealed envelope and present to an elder or may mail to: Grace Crossing Baptist Church, ATTN: Deacon Nomination PO Box 973 Madison, MS 39130.

Grace Crossing Baptist Church By-Laws provides:

When deemed necessary by the elder council, the membership of Grace Crossing will be asked to nominate qualified men to serve as deacon.

Those men nominated, if willing to serve, will then undergo a questionnaire and interview process as directed by the elder council.

Qualifications for deacon are found in 1st Timothy 3:8-13. Those men who agree to serve will understand that they will be held accountable for these qualifications and that they further agree verbally that with God's help they will live up to these qualifications. By agreeing to these qualifications it will mean that, if married, his wife accepts her role as a deacon's wife and fits the qualification listed in 1st Timothy 3:11.

A deacon shall remain in service as long as he is committed to serve God and Grace Crossing.

Additional Biblical Direction Pertaining to Deacons:

- 1) Deacons are to be chosen from those who are "known to be full of the Spirit and Wisdom" (Acts 6:3). To be "full of the Spirit" means to be submitted to God's Spirit and will. To be "full of wisdom" is to be a person who seeks and speaks God's word and truth.
- 2) Deacons are to be servants. The word "deacon" is a translation of the Greek word for "servant". The first deacons were chosen to help meet the needs of widows in the early church (Acts 6:1-6). Deacons at Grace Crossing Baptist Church are servant leaders whose primary responsibility is to meet the needs of the body of Christ.
- 3) Deacons are to be people of integrity. God's word describes them as "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. (1 Timothy 3: 8-10). A deacon's character is to serve as a model of Christian commitment for the congregation and the community.

The servant role of deacon is not to be sought for personal honor, but is to be viewed as a call to greater commitment to service. The desire and willingness to live the life of a servant is a critical qualification for deacon selection.

Date: _____

Nominee: _____

Nominated by: _____

Have you asked this man if he would consider serving as a deacon?

Have you asked this man to Pray about serving as a deacon of Grace Crossing?

How have you seen this man serve the body of Christ at Grace Crossing?

Additional reasons for consideration:

Please attach additional pages if necessary.