

First Baptist Church, Sun City West

DEACON NOMINATION CRITERIA

2020

First Baptist Church invites you to consider what it means to serve as a deacon and prayerfully consider members for nomination.

The Deacon Handbook specifies that any member of the church, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit and without reference to gender, may be nominated to serve as a deacon.

The basic requirements for a deacon are found in 1 Timothy 3:8-13.

- ♦ The deacon shall be a person of moral integrity and spiritual maturity, a person of good moral character, willing to accept responsibility and to honor the name of God.
- ♦ The deacon is to be in harmony with Christian principles.
- ♦ The deacon shall be faithful in attendance at services at First Baptist Church, Sun City West and at Deacon Council Meetings.
- ♦ The deacon must be in agreement with, and support regularly, the financial programs of the church.
- ♦ The deacon must be committed to the study of God's Word.(2 Timothy 2:5).

- ♦ The deacon must have been a member of First Baptist Church, SCW, for at least one year.
- ♦ The deacon must be in service to God's people at First Baptist Church, Sun City West (Ephesians 4:12; Matthew 20:26; and Acts 6:4).
- ♦ The deacon must be diligent in prayer support for the spiritual welfare of the church and its ministers.
- ♦ The deacon must covenant to demonstrate love for God and God's people by participation in corporate worship and Bible study, sharing the Gospel with the unsaved and unchurched, the building up of the Deacon Council, assistance in the service of the Lord's Supper, faithful attendance at deacons' meetings, and the giving of tithes and offerings.

The office of deacon is to be one of service rather than primarily one of honor or administration. To this end, the deacon body of First Baptist Church, SCW shall:

- ♦ Covenant together to show God's love.
- ♦ Support the Senior Pastor in matters pertaining to the spiritual welfare of the church and labor with him in fulfilling the Great Commission.
- ♦ Minister to the membership of the church by developing relationships, meeting physical, moral and spiritual needs, and intervening to solve divisive issues to produce harmony within the body of Christ.