

## GUIDELINES FOR SUGGESTIONS - DEACONS

Each year Deacons are set apart for service to and through our church.

- Sixteen (16) persons will be elected to serve as Deacons for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2024.
- You are encouraged to have a part in this process by suggesting a person or persons you believe would serve effectively as a Deacon.
- A form for you to print and complete is attached, or you can submit names by emailing [nominate@dawsonchurch.org](mailto:nominate@dawsonchurch.org) or by visiting the church's website at [www.dawsonchurch.org/nominate](http://www.dawsonchurch.org/nominate).

In thinking about who to suggest, please consider the following:

- Does this person have the qualifications as set forth in the Bible and church Bylaws? (See below)
- Does this person provide a positive example in attitude, actions, and service both to church members and to those outside the church?

**NOTE:** Deacons presently serving are not eligible for election this year. (See list below)

### DAWSON MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH CURRENT BOARD OF DEACONS - 2023 (Not eligible for term beginning January 1, 2024)

Arendall, Doug  
Atchison, Paul  
Averett, Jim  
Black, Chris  
Blackman, Eric  
Bragg, Taylor  
Brightbill, T.C  
Byrd, Chris  
Compere, Collins  
Crisler, Rob  
Daniel, Joe  
Dansby, Elliott  
DeRieux, Ryan  
Dorrill, Lee  
Douthit, Charlie  
Ellis, Joe

Flowers, Kirk  
George, Brian  
Glass, Don  
Harrington, Gary  
Hartin, Chris  
Hughes, Paul  
Isley, Jerome  
Jackson, Larry  
Kaiser, Boyd  
Kaiser, Tim  
Lewis, Tom  
Manly, Hal  
Marlin, Andrew  
McLemore, Lee  
Middleton, Brian  
Minor, Graham

Moore, Mitch  
Morlandt, Tony  
Nast, Ryan  
Newman, Larry  
Parker, Matt  
Rice, Steve  
Settle, Tom  
Smith, Jim  
Smith, Rowan  
Stewart, Colin  
Tew, Brad  
Thornton, Dean  
Wallace, Tim  
Whittington, Kyle  
Wilson, Doug  
Worrell, Bradley

## ARTICLE FROM CHURCH BYLAWS

**Board of Deacons** The Board of Deacons shall be composed of forty-eight (48) members, provided that the Church Conference may order this number increased when, in the opinion of a majority, such increase is justified. Deacons shall be elected for a period of three years, one-third of whom shall be elected each year. Deacons shall not be eligible for re-election until after one year has elapsed between terms. In the event of a vacancy on the Board, the Nominating Committee shall nominate to the Church Conference a replacement to fill the unexpired term of the vacancy. Nomination for Deacons to be elected for a full term shall be made by the Nominating Committee, as provided for other officers. The Nominating Committee shall seek suggestions for Deacon nominees from the Church membership.

Qualifications for selection for Deacon shall be as follows:

1. Scriptural requirements as found in I Timothy 3:8-13
2. Personal faith in Jesus Christ and life of prayer and consecration
3. Total abstinence from alcoholic beverages
4. Tithing practiced
5. Of proven high character and high moral standards
6. Faithful participation in all Church activities
7. Belief in and support of the cause of worldwide missions

## DEACON COMMITMENT

Because Deacons are spiritual leaders and servants of the church, they commit themselves to the following:

### 1. Support through Christian Example

- Strive for the same Christian lifestyle and qualities that you expect in your spiritual leaders.
- Abstain from strong drink and other practices that impair Christian witness.
- Provide opportunities of spiritual growth for your family.
- Practice the Christian personal disciplines of prayer, Bible study and service.

### 2. Support through Church Fellowship

- Promote a Christlike spirit of harmony in the church through positive communication and encouragement of the church's ministry.
- Work proactively for Christlike solutions whenever a misunderstanding or problem arises.

### 3. Support of Church Worship and Bible Study

- Participate actively in an ongoing Dawson Bible Study.
- Be available to serve in taking up the offering as needed.
- Be available to serve in the Lord's Supper as needed.
- Participate in the corporate worship services and other public worship services which the church provides.

### 4. Support of Christian Stewardship

- Give at least a tithe (10 percent) of family income and make sacrificial commitments to God's work through the annual budget of the church.
- Participate in the Mission offerings and support the church-approved ministries.
- Be willing to give a testimony about tithing and sacrificial giving to others, as requested.
- Give time and energy to the building of God's Kingdom.

### 5. Support of Christian Outreach

- Serve as Dawson Family Minister (contacting select Dawson members on at least a quarterly basis)
- Participate in the church's outreach ministries.
- Support the church's missions ministry.

## Deacon Suggestion Form

I would like to suggest the following person(s) for consideration as Deacon

Your Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_

