

# Deacon Recommendation Form

Avon Heights church  
2008

## Deacon Qualifications

### 1 Timothy 3:8-13 (NASB)

Deacons likewise must be

- men of dignity, [grave-KJV; reverent-NKJV; men worthy of respect-NIV; serious-NRSV]
- not double-tongued, [sincere-NIV]
- or addicted to much wine [given to much wine-KJV/NKJV; indulging in much wine-NIV/NRSV]
- or fond of sordid gain, [greedy of filthy lucre-KJV; greedy for money-NKJV/NRSV; pursuing dishonest gain-NIV]
- but holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.
- These men must also first be tested; [first be proved-KJV]
- then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach. [blameless-KJV/NKJV/NRSV; nothing against them-NIV]

Women must likewise be [even so, their wives must be-KJV; likewise, their wives must be-NKJV; in the same way, their wives are to be-NIV; women likewise must be-NRSV]

- dignified, [grave-KJV; reverent-NKJV; worthy of respect-NIV; serious-NRSV]
- not malicious gossips, [not slanderers-KJV/NKJV/NRSV; not malicious talkers-NIV]
- but temperate, [sober-KJV]
- faithful in all things. [trustworthy in everything-NIV]

Deacons must be

- husbands of only one wife [Lit. a one-woman man], and
- good managers of their children and their own households. [ruling their children and their own houses well-KJV/NKJV; must manage his children and his household well-NIV/NRSV]

For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a high standing and great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

Having studied 1 Timothy 3:8-13 (above), I believe that \_\_\_\_\_ meets the qualifications God has given us for deacons and recommend him to be considered for selection to serve in that capacity for the Avon Heights church. I have discussed this matter with him, and he has agreed to consider this appointment.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of person submitting form)

\*Use a different form for each man recommended to serve as deacon  
\*\*Turn in completed forms to Boyd or Vernon

# Deacon Selection Process & Timeline

## SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>

- Sermon outlining the process and sharing the selection process dates.
- Please be informed: The Biblical principles recently preached in the four sermons on the subject of deacons will be taken into consideration as the final choices are made by the elders. If you were not present for any those sermons you can download them from the church web site, or request a copy from Mike Shepherd or Bob Sarrett.
- Deacon selection forms.
  - These are now available on the counter in the foyer.
  - Review God's picture of the man who will serve well (1 Tim. 3:8-13).
  - Make sure you have personally spoken with the man you wish to put forward.
  - Please limit your selection to one man – two at the most.
  - Make sure to sign your name to the form. No anonymous forms will be considered.
  - Those who can submit names: a Christian, a member at Avon.
- Please remember, this is not a popular vote, but we are looking for a consensus.
- Also remember, not everyone suggested will be appointed (Acts 1:23-26).
- The congregation will have until Sunday, Sep. 21<sup>st</sup> to put forward names and turn their forms into Boyd and Vernon.

## SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>

- This is the deadline for putting names forward.
- Boyd and Vernon will go over the names put forward by the congregation.

## SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>

- Boyd and Vernon will announce the name of the man who has been selected by the congregation.
- The congregation will have through Friday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> to consider the man who has been selected.
- If you have a Biblical concern about the man being selected, please speak with the man himself. Afterward, if there are still Biblical issues to be resolved, the elders will meet with both you.

## OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>

- We will have a deacon ordination ceremony to appoint the new deacon to his area of service.