



July 27, 2026

Dear River Bend Church Member,

This is an important time for River Bend Baptist Church as we prepare to select deacons to serve for the upcoming year, 2027. Currently, we have fifteen deacons and one yokefellow actively serving for up to three years. After their term ends, they are not eligible to serve for a minimum of one year. The deacons serve our church, pastor, and community. Through the Deacon Family Ministry program, we minister to River Bend families. We believe the Scripture outlines for us the basic organizational structure of the local church and deacons are an essential part of that structure. It is our responsibility, therefore, to select men willing to serve as deacons in our church. Per the River Bend Constitution and By-Laws, a man must be a member for at least one year.

The Apostle Paul in 1 Timothy 3 outlined important character qualities necessary to consider when selecting deacons, these include: overall maturity, reputation, character, doctrinal soundness, and family management. Many of the deacon qualities can be seen through attendance in services, Bible study, prayer meetings, faithfulness in supporting church activities and ongoing ministries, as well as maintaining a Christ-centered home. While no person is perfect, it is important to seriously review these qualities when considering any man for service.

You may select men to fill these positions using the nomination form included with this letter. Additional forms are available in the foyer and the church office. You may also download your deacon nomination form from the River Bend website. Please submit your signed nomination form by either depositing it in the box in the foyer or by scanning and submitting it via email to office@riverbendbc.org. ***Nomination forms must be signed and submitted no later than noon, Sunday, August 30, 2026.***

We encourage you to prayerfully consider whom you should nominate. These men will play an important role in our church and having the right men in service is a responsibility we all share.

Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration.

For the Deacon body,
Albino Castro
Chairman 2026

**ALL DEACON NOMINATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL AND MUST BE RECEIVED
BY NOON ON SUNDAY, August 30, 2026**

The following men are ***ineligible*** for nomination because they are either currently serving or their term is ending:

Currently Serving: Albino Castro, Gordon Hendley, Tom Jessup, Ron Rhemann, Chris Dibler, Don Edgar, Joel Broughton, Wade Kirkpatrick, Miles Hobdy, Dan Flagg, Will Nuelle, Steve Belcher, John Crumbley, David Peck, Dan Irvin, Rob Kasper

Term Ending: Albino Castro, Gordon Hendley, Tom Jessup, Ron Rhemann