



August 13, 2024

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, 2025. Currently, we have ten active deacons, 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 over 144 families. Each deacon is assigned as many as fifteen 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, according to Acts 6, to select men willing to serve as deacons in our church. One of the deacon qualifications states that, "these men must also first be tested." In order to honor this verse, our church has stated that a man must be a member of RBBC for at least one year before being considered for deacon service.

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, September 1, 2024.**

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,

John Crumbley
Chairman 2024

**ALL DEACON NOMINATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL AND MUST BE RECEIVED
BY NOON ON SUNDAY, September 1, 2024**

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

Currently Serving: Charlie Blansit, Albino Castro, John Crumbley, Gordon Hendley, Dan Irvin, Tom Irwin, Tom Jessup, Bruce Miller, Ron Rhemann, Mark Speas

Term Ending: John Crumbley, Dan Irvin