



Deacon Nomination Form

*The biblical office of the deacon is provided for ministry to the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. To be a deacon is to assist the elders of the church with their ministry to the church. **The office of deacon should not be used or viewed to grant honor or prestige to a man.** Rather, it is a high calling to true biblical ministry.*

Responsibilities of Deacons

The deacons of Castlewood serve for terms of three years and assist the elders in their ministry to the members of the church in all phases of their Christian growth. This might include things like:

- Assisting new believers when they are being baptized.
- Assisting in hospital visitation.
- Staying in contact with members assigned to them.
- Modeling Biblical Christian living.
- Overseeing and coordinating the deacon's benevolence ministry to those members with needs.
- Ministering to and assisting church members who are shut-ins at home or in convalescent hospitals.
- Serving the Lord's Supper to members and guests
- Oversee the care of the building and grounds, transportation and fellowship meals.
- Servant (Philippians 2:4-7). *"Each of you should look not only to your own interest, but also to the interest of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Jesus Christ – He made Himself nothing, taking on the very nature of a servant."*

Biblical Qualifications of Deacons

- **Dignified (1 Timothy 3:8).** One who possesses Christian purpose, who has great reverence for spiritual matters.
- **Not "double tongued" (1 Timothy 3:8).** Dependable and responsible, in control of the tongue.
- **Not addicted to much wine (1 Timothy 3:8).** Temperate in living, stewards of good influence, doing all to the glory of God.
- **Not fond of Sordid Gain (1 Timothy 3:8).** A right attitude toward material possession, not eager to exploit others for his own gain or profit.
- **Holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience (1 Timothy 3:9).** A man who gives strength to the church fellowship and one who possesses spiritual integrity beyond reproach.
- **Tested (1 Timothy 3:10).** A man who demonstrates his spiritual qualifications before being elected to serve as a deacon, tested and found true.
- **Beyond Reproach (1 Timothy 3:10).** A man against whom no charge of wrongdoing can be brought with success.
- **Christian Family Life (1 Timothy 3:11-12).** A man whose family is well cared for, whose family relationships are healthy and growing.
- **Husband of Only One Wife (1 Timothy 3:12).** Model of faithful devotion to one spouse, committed to the sanctity of the marriage bond.

- **A Good Manager of Their Children and Their Own Household (1 Timothy 3:12).** Manages his own home well, loved and respected by his wife and children, firm but with the compassion and tenderness of Christ.
- **Great Confidence in the Faith that is in Christ Jesus (1 Timothy 3:13).** Strong and effective because he uses the office of deacon in the right way, for the right purpose.

Castlewood Deacons are also expected to:

- Give their Testimony publicly.
- Retain Active Membership by holding to the Church Covenant.
- Be at least 25 years old.
- Attend Deacon Meetings.
- Be a member of Castlewood for at least 1 Year.
- Believe in the divine inspiration and inerrancy of the Holy Scriptures.
- Faithfully practice biblical tithing and giving.
- Understand the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper.
- Be familiar with the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention.
- Understand the deacon ministry and the responsibilities of being a deacon.
- Abstain from alcoholic beverages during active deacon status.

If you know of a man who fits the scriptural qualifications of a deacon, and whom you believe would be committed to the task, please provide the nomination by filling out the below and placing it in the offering plate or by submitting it to the church office.

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Name of your proposed nominee: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____ How long have they been at Castlewood? _____

Briefly State your reason for feeling that this man is qualified to serve as a deacon.

Submitted by: _____

Date: _____