



HILDALE BAPTIST CHURCH

DEACON

**INFORMATION &
QUALIFICATIONS**



LEADING THROUGH SERVING

DEACONS

The church shall determine the number of active deacons, as it deems necessary. Deacons shall be elected annually for a full three-year term unless filling an unexpired term. Each year those completing a three year term of office shall retire from active status on the deacon body. After one year in reserve status they may be re-elected to serve a new term. The manner of election shall be as follows:

NOTIFICATION

- a. Notification shall be made to the church that nominations are being received.
- b. The nominations are examined by the current Deacon body and a list of nominees will be submitted to the church in a timely manner for deacon election. The current Deacon body shall evaluate the results.
- c. An Ordination Council will examine elected unordained nominees with the goal of presenting them to the church for ordination.

**Deacon: derived from the
Greek Word**

DIÁKONOS

NOTIFICATION

CONTINUED

d. In the event a person is chosen who is not already an ordained deacon, he must be ordained according to the New Testament.

e. In the event of the election of one who was ordained by another church of like faith and order, ordination will not be necessary.

c. He must be willing and able to attend deacons' meetings unless providentially hindered.

d. Be an active participant in the Church and have demonstrated a commitment to the mission, objective, and values of the Church.

e. He must be a tither in belief and practice.

f. He must be loyal to the denomination.

g. He must be a willing soul winner.

h. He must be at least twenty-five years of age.

QUALIFICATIONS

Each person selected to serve must meet the following standards:

a. He shall have been a member of this church for at least one year.

b. He must be of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and endowed with practical wisdom (Acts 6:3, 1Timothy 3:8-13).

EXPLANATIONS FOR THE BIBLICAL QUALIFICATIONS OF DEACONSHIP

Acts 6:1-6

- Good reputation – Believed to be of strong moral character among people in general and especially among family and friends.
- Full of the Holy Spirit – Fully yielded to Christ, so that one intimately knows the presence, movement, and direction of God's Spirit in his life, as witnessed by other Christians who know him.

Diákonos, meaning:
SERVANT

EXPLANATIONS

CONTINUED

- Full of wisdom – Full of a strong, spiritual, good sense of knowing what is right and wrong in God’s sight, with an earnest desire to do what is right.
- Full of faith – Full of heart-felt and dedicated belief in the teachings of Scripture and the faithfulness of God in being true to His Word.

1 Timothy 3:8-13

- Respectful – Worthy of respect, having honor and integrity that others recognize.
- Not double-tongued – Not saying something to one person and something different to another. Not hypocritical, insincere, or untruthful.
- Not given to alcohol – In the ancient world, impure drinking water was a greater concern, making wine more of a necessity than it is today. Total abstinence is our expectation for church leadership (Romans 14:21).
- Not greedy – Not given to craving or obsession with earning or acquiring much money.
- Holding to the mystery of the faith – Determined to be faithful in one’s belief in the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Blameless in service to the church – Proven to be qualified as a servant to the church in devotion to the church.

- His wife should be:
 - Worthy of respect - Having honor and integrity
 - Not a slanderer – Not a gossip or one who speaks with evil intent to others.
 - Temperate – Clearheaded, self-controlled, never given to substance abuse.
 - Faithful in all things – Dependable and trustworthy in all responsibility to home and church.
- Husband of one wife – One who has not been divorced or married to a woman who was divorced.
- Good managers of their children and of their own households – Maintaining good supervision over their children and family activities

Deacon Qualifications:

ACTS 6:1-6

1 TIMOTHY 3:8-13

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