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Bible Qualifications for a Deacon

SPIRITUAL

1. Full of the Holy Spirit
Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost." Acts 6:3.
2. Full of Wisdom
" . . . look ye out among men . . . full of wisdom, whom ye may appoint over this business." Acts 6:3.
3. Full of Faith
" . . . and they chose . . . full of faith and of the Holy Ghost"
Acts 6:5.

MORAL

1. Good Reputation.
" . . . look ye out among you men of honest report . . ." Acts 6:3.
2. Serious
"Likewise, the deacons must be grave . . ." 1 Timothy 3:8.
3. Clean and Truthful in Speech and Conscience
"Likewise the deacons must . . . not be doubletongued; holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience." 1 Timothy 3:8,9.
4. Abstinence from the Use of Alcohol as a Beverage
"Likewise the deacons must not be given to much wine."
1 Timothy 3:8.
5. Free from Covetousness and Greed
"Likewise the deacons must . . . not be greedy of filthy lucre."
1 Timothy 3:8.

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FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION OF DEACONS

Pastor's Paragraphs

THE WIND AND THE SPIRIT

It makes one think of His conversation with Nicodemus. Jesus said, "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is everyone that is born of the Spirit." (John 3:8)



In a very real and wonderful way we have witnessed God's Spirit at work in our midst. Although we may not be able to explain it, we have felt His powerful presence.

Sixteen of our finest young people have given their lives to be used in the service of Christ. Included in this group are those called to preach, to heal, to sing, and to teach. Others are not sure as yet just what God would have them do, they are simply saying, "Here am I, Lord, use me."

This is all the good Lord would ask of any person, young or old; BUT THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT HE ASKS EACH ONE OF US TO DO.

Anything short of total surrender is an affront to God. Anything short of total surrender makes it impossible for us to really be happy in Jesus.

"Here am I, Lord, use me." — How about you?

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

BROTHERHOOD MEETING MONDAY, AUGUST 10

6:15 P.M.—Supper

6:45 P.M.—Program — featuring Mr. Phil Hardy of Dothan, Alabama, an ambassador who has just returned from a tour of our Mexican mission work. Make your reservation Sunday or call the church office.

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"In His Steps"

(Acts 6:8-15; 7:54-60)

7:15 P.M.

"Learning to Remember"

(Deuteronomy 8:2)

OPEN LETTER TO THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

You are most cordially invited to attend the next general meeting of the Day Society of the WMU August 18 at 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Al Hartsfield, our Sunbeam Director; Mrs. Cliff Albritton, a G. A. Counselor; Mrs. S. A. Taylor, our YWA Director; and I will be bringing you the Ridgcrest Report. This will be a glorious week that we are eager to share with you.

MRS. S. T. WEST, President



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Baptist Hospital:

Mr. William Ray, Mr. Billy Roberts, Miss Elizabeth Ann Shirey, Mrs. Curtis Brown, Mr. William Ray, Mrs. Hugh Reeves, Mrs. Warren W. Sears

Sacred Heart Hospital:

Mr. Charles Leaman

Hospitals Out of the City:

Mr. J. L. Hackett, Frisco Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri

Mrs. W. O. Taylor, Baptist Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee

Home From the Hospital:

Miss Montaree Barrineau, Mrs. Wallace Brown, Miss Ann Fields, Mrs. T. L. Scott, Mrs. Don Doyle, Mrs. Bobbie Andrews, Mrs. Charles Asters, Mrs. Mae Dean Patterson, Philip Napier, Mr. J. S. Baisden

Sympathy To:

Mrs. Willie Simmons in the loss of her husband



LIBRARY NOTES

How would some lovely poetry appeal to your taste in reading? Just one poem may express exactly your particular feelings or sentiments. Here is a short one from WILL-O'-THE-WISP by Inez Brown:

Fret Not

Fret Not
That you have not
What you want most;
For in having not
What you want most,
You have
What you need most —
A dream.

Other books on poetry are: QUOTABLE POEMS — Clark; PRAYER POEMS — Armstrong; LETTER HOME — By Conzoneri, one of our missionaries in Nigeria; COMPLETE CHEERFUL CHERUB — McCown; MASTER-PIECES OF RELIGIOUS VERSE — Morrison; and many others.

L.T.S.

PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATING DEACONS

The Committee for the Nomination of Deacons requests that every member of the church suggest men who should be considered by the committee for nomination as deacons. You may suggest as many as you think qualify.

These suggestions must reach the committee by noon, Monday, August 17. They may be given to any member of the committee, mailed to the church office in care of the committee, or dropped in the offering plate. Suggestions are to be submitted only by members of the First Baptist Church, and therefore must be signed to be accepted.

Your committee, selected for the purpose of recommending to the church the best qualified persons, requests that you read the scripture passages below and suggest the names of as many men as you believe to be qualified to serve as deacons. According to the policy of the church, inactive deacons will not be placed on the ballot unless suggested by one or more members of the church.

SELECTION OF THE FIRST DEACONS

"In those days, as the number of disciples kept growing, there rose complaint on the part of the Greek-speaking Jews against the Hebrews because their widows were overlooked in the daily charities. So the twelve summoned the assembly of the disciples and said, 'It is not desirable that we should neglect the teaching of God's Word to wait tables; therefore, brothers, look around for seven men among you of good reputation and full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we shall appoint for this duty, while we continue to devote ourselves to prayer and the ministry of the word.'" (Acts 6:1-4, Berkeley Version).

THE CHARACTER AND QUALIFICATIONS OF ALL DEACONS:

"By the same token are deacons to be honorable, not gossips, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for ill-gotten gains, but with a pure conscience keeping hold on the hidden truth of the faith. They should first be put on probation, and then, if irreproachable, they may serve as deacons. Similarly must the wives be honorable, not given to slandering, but temperate and altogether trustworthy. Deacons shall be husband of one wife, admirable manager of their children and of their own homes. Because those who rendered helpful service as deacons do take a worthwhile step upward for themselves with considerable conversational freedom in the faith that centers in Christ Jesus." (I Timothy 3:8-13, Berkeley Version).

We urge you to be much in prayer that we as a church may know God's will in this all-important task.

This ballot will be on Sunday morning, September 6, when 11 men will be selected to serve on the active board of deacons for the three year term beginning October 1, 1964.

DEACON'S NOMINATING COMMITTEE

JOE B. LADNER. Chairman
BORIS MITCHELL, Vice-Chairman
JUDSON GILLESPIE
DAVID L. RALEY

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The following men are now serving on the active Board of Deacons:

Term Ending September 30, 1965

*HENRY L. ASHMORE
J. NORWOOD COBB
B. T. DEAN
ERNEST GENTRY
LEE HARDY

*Moved from city

S. G. KENNEDY, JR.
BO MITCHELL
C. H. OVERMAN, JR.
HOMER D. REED
T. A. SHELL

Term Ending September 30, 1966

E. L. BARRINEAU
PAUL W. CARO
CLARENCE DANNELLY
S. L. DAVIS
JAMES L. DREXLER

ROBERT D. HINSON
SAM JORDAN
BILLY RENFROE
MILTON RICHARDSON
TOM WASH

Deacons Emeritus

F. G. ALMON
EARL R. GASTON
MOSE PENTON

The following men who retire this year will not be eligible for nomination for period of (1) year:

J. F. BOYKIN, SR.
W. T. CREEL
J. NIXON DANIEL, JR.
ADOLPH FIELDS
JUDSON GILLESPIE

JOE B. LADNER
GLENN McDONALD
R. N. PYLE
H. O. WILLIAMS

FORM TO BE USED IN SUBMITTING SUGGESTIONS

I suggest to the Nominating Committee that the following men be considered as nominees for deacons:

NAME
NAME
NAME
NAME
NAME
NAME

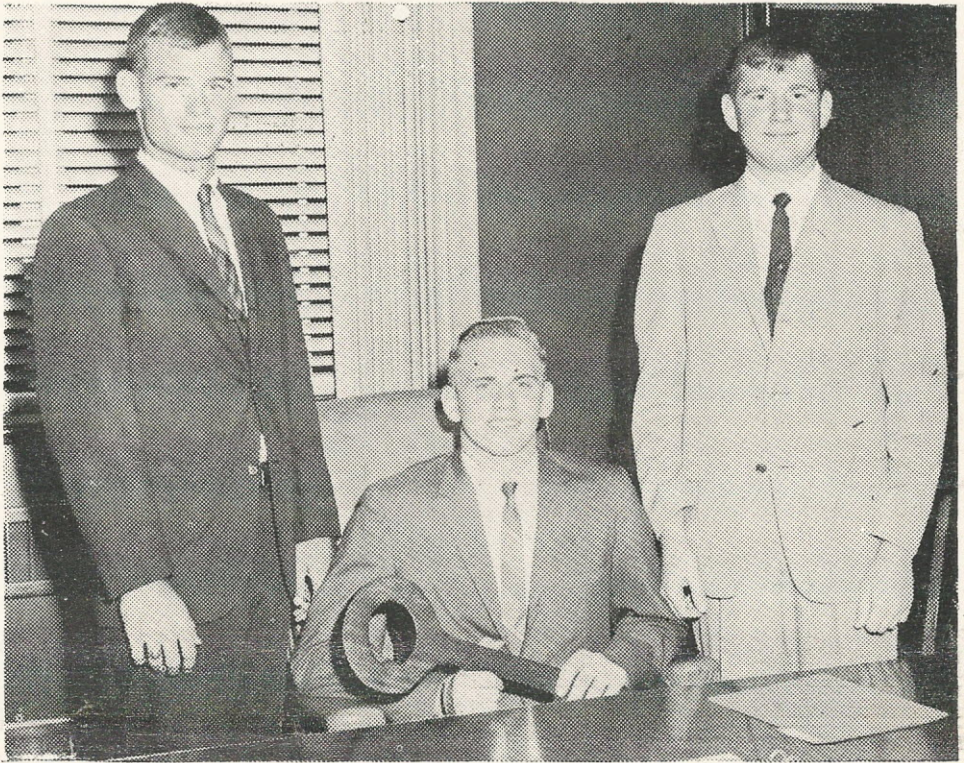
Recommended by.....
(Your Signature)

NOTE: Every member of the congregation may suggest as many names as he wishes. This form must be signed to be accepted.

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Additional copies of this form may be obtained from the church.

YOUTH WEEK LEADERS



DON STEWART

BILL LEE

BEN RIDDLES



Youth Week in my sight was an inspiration to me and to the rest of the youth. It is good sometime for the truth to take charge. It gives us a chance to see how it is to lead for we are going to be in this position before we know it. The luau was the highlight of the week for us. I want to take this opportunity to express my thanks and the thanks of all young people to the adults who worked so hard in putting this on. All in all, this has been a wonderful week for everyone. God surely has blessed us.

BILL LEE,
Youth Week Pastor

Youth Week this year was one of the most inspirational and gratifying experiences that I have ever had. I feel that this experience has brought me much closer to Christ and our church.

DON STEWART,
Youth Week Assistant to the Pastor

Youth Week has brought me closer to God than I have ever been before. Working with adults in a position of responsibility makes one realize what is involved in a Sunday service.

BEN RIDDLES,
Youth Week Minister of Music

The Very Newest

The rosebuds on the pulpit Sunday were placed there in honor of

MASTER JAMES MATTHEW DOYLE
son of
Ensign and Mrs. Don Doyle
Born July 27

MASTER WILLIAM SCOTT JOHNSON
son of
Mr. and Mrs. Norman R. Johnson
Born July 27

**You Are Invited To A Reception
Honoring
MR. AND MRS. R. C. KEITH**

**On Their
GOLDEN WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY**

**At Their Home On
1501 East Brainerd Street**

**Sunday, August 9
2:30 - 5:30 P.M.**

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Mrs. Arthur Haylock, Our Missionary
to Honduras



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....1134
Members Present.....1063
New Members.....11
Visitors.....61

Training Union Attendance.....234
Members Present.....216
New Members.....2
Visitors.....16

Additions to church membership.....7

Tithes and Offering:
Budget\$4,823.17
Specials623.60
Youth Choir Tour.....100.00
Building Fund8.00

TOTAL OFFERING\$5,554.77



WMU CIRCLES

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

10:00 A.M.
—VIRGINIA COBB CIRCLE will meet with
Mrs. C. E. Dannelly, 1915 East Avery Street
—STANLEY DAVIS CIRCLE will meet with
Mrs. S. L. Davis, 1503 East Jackson Street
—R. C. MOORE CIRCLE will meet with Mrs.
B. M. Taylor, 360 West Brainerd Street

11:30 A.M.
—T. N. CALLAWAY CIRCLE will meet at the
church following Bible School

2:00 P.M.
—LAURA FRANCES SNOW CIRCLE will meet
with Mrs. P. O. Davis, Jr., 3821 San Gabriel
Drive

Other Circles will meet following the gen-
eral meeting on August 18.

Night Circles will meet immediately follow-
ing general meeting at 7:30 p.m.

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 9-14

Reading through the New Testament
in 1964

ROMANS 1:1 to 5:21



SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

*9:30 A.M.—Sunday School for all ages.
Theron Guthrie, Supt.
*11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship. Pastor
Broadcast over WCOA
4:30 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
*6:00 P.M.—Training Union for all ages.
Homer Reed, Director
*7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship. Pastor
Baptism
8:45 P.M.—City-wide Singspiration
St. Mark's Methodist Church,
2201 N. 12th Ave.

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

8:30 A.M.—VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
6:15 P.M.—Brotherhood Supper Meeting
7:30 P.M.—Deacon's Meeting
7:30 P.M.—Associational Training Union
Meeting—Circle Baptist Church

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

8:30 A.M.—VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
10:00 A.M.—WMU CIRCLES
WMS NIGHT SOCIETY
6:00 P.M.—Supper
6:30 P.M.—General Meeting
7:30 P.M.—Circle Meetings
7:00 P.M.—Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

8:30 A.M.—VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
*5:50 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
*6:30 P.M.—Teachers' & Officers' Meeting
Sunbeams, G.A.'s, R.A.'s, YWA's
*7:30 P.M.—Prayer Service
*8:15 P.M.—Church Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

8:30 A.M.—VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

8:30 A.M.—VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

*Indicates nursery will be open 15 minutes
prior to the time indicated above.



NEW MEMBERS

FOR BAPTISM FROM ANOTHER
DENOMINATION:

54. Mr. George H. Forsberg, 1709 East Cer-
vantes St.

BY LETTER:

201. Dr. Robert A. Atkinson, 707 West
Blount St. From: First Baptist
Church, Fernandina Beach, Fla.
202. Mrs. Robert A. Atkinson (Billie J.)
From: First Baptist Church, Waynes-
ville, N. C.
203. Mr. Richard Dean McCullor, 127 Chipley
Avenue, EPH. From: Boulevard Baptist
Church, Lake Charles, La.
204. Mrs. Richard D. McCullor (Judy)
205. Ensign Herbert D. Nowlin, BOQ 675, NAS.
From: South Main Baptist Church,
Houston, Texas
206. Miss Dorothy Ann Gilmore, 1505 Bayou
Boulevard. From: First Baptist Church,
Tallahassee, Fla.
207. Mr. Bennie C. Johns, 1701 W.
Intendencia St. From: Laurel View
Baptist Church, Pensacola

COMMITMENTS FOR CHRISTIAN
SERVICE:

Miss Chris Armistead
Mr. Clint Parker
Mr. Jimmy Ray Duncan