

Deacon Covenant

First Baptist Church Sandersville, Ga.

I believe God has called me to serve as a deacon and with all humility commit myself to faithful service unto the Lord and His church. I will seek to adhere to the qualifications set forth in God's Word for this position. (Acts 6:1-7, 1 Timothy 3:1-13) In so doing, I affirm the following:

- (1) I have personally put my faith and trust in Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord. As an outward symbol of this salvation, I have been scripturally baptized by immersion. (Rom 10:9, Matt. 28:19)**
- (2) I believe the Bible is the inerrant and infallible Word of God. Moreover, I believe such doctrines as the virgin birth, the blood atonement of Jesus, the bodily resurrection of Christ, His literal Second Coming, and the reality of both heaven and hell to be true. His word is my guide and authority. (2 Tim. 3:16, 2 Peter 1:20-21)**
- (3) I believe salvation and eternal life come only by grace through faith in Christ, as there is no other way to heaven. (John 14:6, Acts 4:12)**
- (4) I will seek to be consistently involved in the services and ministries of my church and to model servant leadership in not only my role as a deacon, but in every area of ministry within the church to which God leads me. In addition to serving as a deacon I will seek to have at least one other area of ministry in my church. (Heb. 10:24-25, Heb. 12:28)**
- (5) I will seek to develop the character quality of being a cheerful giver, recognizing that God uses His people for the advancement of His kingdom. (Lev. 27:30, Mal. 3:8-10, 2 Cor. 9:7)**
- (6) I will seek to work with the pastor God leads to shepherd our church and to cooperate in a spirit of humility to carry out the Great Commission of our Lord. (1 Thess. 5:12-13)**
- (7) I will seek to be a witness for Jesus Christ and desire to grow in the area of sharing His plan of salvation to anyone as the Holy Spirit leads. (Matt. 28:18-20, 1 Peter 3:15)**
- (8) I will strive to be the faithful husband, father, and spiritual leader God has called me to be. In humility I will be a servant/leader in my home, guiding my wife and children to support God's work in our church. I am confident my wife will be a supportive asset to my service, as well as to our church leadership, in her speech conduct and faithfulness. (1 Tim. 3:4, 1 Tim. 3:11)**
- (9) I will seek to grow in my walk with God and to develop the regular habit of prayer, Bible study, and devotions. (Col. 2:6)**
- (10) In recognition that certain behaviors can be a stumbling block to unbelievers, as well as young believers, if asked by fellow deacons or my pastor, I will be willing to refrain from the use of alcohol, tobacco, or any questionable practice that might hinder my witness and testimony for the Lord. (Rom. 14:21, 1 Cor. 8:9-12)**

I commit, furthermore, to resign the office of deacon if my fellow deacons and pastor deem my conduct inappropriate or if my circumstances render me ineffective for service.