

# Angier Baptist Church Bylaws, p.6 B. e.

## Qualifications for Election as Deacon

### 2021 Church Year

Deacon Nomination . . . February 28 & March 7

Deacon Election . . . March 21, 2021

2) The church shall through statements printed in the church newsletter, weekly church bulletin, electronic communication, church bulletin, and by announcement in the worship service on the Sunday preceding nominations and election balloting, and on the day of nominating and election balloting, ensure that candidates and the congregation are aware of the spiritual qualities incumbent upon these Deacons. Special emphasis shall be given to the Biblical qualifications for Deacons, including the printing and readings of the full texts of Acts 6:1-4; I Timothy 3:8-13 and Titus 1:5-9. In addition, a list of all ineligible members shall be provided at the aforementioned times. Members shall be charged to prayerfully and faithfully apply these passages in their nominating and voting. The interpretation of these passages and the conditions they create in regard to qualifications and eligibility to serve as a Deacon shall, however, be the exclusive responsibility of each voting member and shall not be subject to review by the nominating committee or other body of the church. Members will also be encouraged to contact those they intend to nominate and ensure their willingness to serve if elected.

**Acts 6:1-4** . . . In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Grecian Jews among them complained against those of the Aramaic-speaking community because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."

**I Timothy 3: 8-13** . . . Deacons, likewise, are to be men worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons. In the same way, their wives are to be women worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything. A deacon must be the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well. Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus.

**Titus 1: 5-9** . . . The reason I left you in Crete was that you might straighten out what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you. An elder must be blameless, the husband of but one wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient. Since an overseer is entrusted with God's work, he must be blameless -- not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given too much wine, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. Rather he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those oppose it.

**Deacon Nominations** will take place **February 28 AND March 7** during the morning worship service. If you are not able to attend services in person on either Sunday, the Nominating committee will also be available from 12-1pm in the parking lot behind the church to give each member a nominating form. The congregation will submit deacon nominations for four deacons with terms of three years. Please prayerfully consider your choices for these important leadership positions. Below is a sample of the ballot for the deacon nominations.

As a member of the Angier Baptist Church, you are asked to submit the names of those whom you feel would be your most effective spiritual leaders in the body of deacons. Below is a list of **PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT ELIGIBLE** for election this year. People must meet the following qualifications: 1) All members of the Angier Baptist Church who are at least twenty-years of age and have been members of the Angier Baptist Church for not less than the preceding three (3) years shall be eligible for nomination and election, except with the following exceptions: (a) church staff members and their spouses are not eligible; (b) Spouses cannot serve on the diaconate simultaneously; (c) Parents and their children cannot serve on the diaconate simultaneously. Persons who have served a three (3) or more year term shall not be eligible for re-election for two years. (See Charter & Bylaws, Article VIII, Section B, No. 7e1).

<b>THESE PEOPLE ARE NOT ELIGIBLE</b>	
Don Harrop (serves thru 9/22)	Dewey Blalock (serves thru 3/21)
Robert Smith (serves thru 9/22)	Dick Cruickshank (serves thru 3/21)
Susan Surlles (serves thru 9/22)	Randall Johnson (serves thru 3/21)
Don Ed Wimberly (serves thru 9/22)	Delores Stephenson (serves thru 3/21)
Butch Jones (serves thru 9/21)	Kathy Baker (served thru 9/19)
Ruby Neal (serves thru 9/21)	Keith Bullock (served thru 9/19)
Ronnie Riddle (serves thru 9/21)	Mack McLeod (served thru 9/19)
Gordon Springle (serves thru 9/21)	Gerald Tripp (served thru 9/19)
Nathan Benson, Pam Benson, Terri Strickland Bullock, Stephen Cooper, Ethan Gardner, Michele Gardner, Tabitha Gardner, Gwen Nesbit, Jason Nesbit, Justin Pearce, Whitney Pearce, Delores Price, Junior Price, Steven Reid, Vesta Reid, Jackie Smith, Danielle St. John, & Hollis St. John.	

*We will be electing four deacons (three men and one woman) this term. Each member may nominate as many deacons as there are positions to fill. Please prayerfully consider this responsibility to your church and submit the people you feel that qualify for this important leadership role in our church.*

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### **DEACON NOMINATION BALLOT**

I submit the following names for nomination for the office of deacon of our church.

Men

Woman

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

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