

Potential Deacons Questionnaire

There are only two church offices listed in the New Testament. They are the office of an elder and that of the deacon. The requirements are listed in Acts 6:1-7 and 1 Timothy 3.

This Deacon Questionnaire is a self-assessment tool for Potential Deacon Candidates. The questions are designed to allow you to prayerfully and honestly examine yourself in light of Scripture to determine if you meet the Biblical qualifications of Deacon.

Consider each question carefully and answer on a separate sheet of paper. Evaluate your story of faith in light of these questions and allow the Holy Spirit to speak into your life. The expectation for our Deacons is not perfection; rather we lovingly hold one another accountable to submit to the high standard of God's Word as we grow into His likeness and serve one another.

Character

Please read Acts 6:1-7 and 1 Timothy 3 and raise any areas you feel are important.

- 1. Spiritual Qualifications**
 - A. Full of the Holy Spirit**
 - B. Full of Wisdom**
 - C. Full of Faith**

- 2. Moral Qualifications**
 - A. Worthy of respect**
 - B. Sincere**
 - C. Not indulging in much wine**
 - D. Not pursuing dishonest gain**
 - E. The husband of one wife**
 - F. Manages his children and household well**

- 3. Qualifications For The Wife Of The Deacon**
 - A. Worthy of Respect**
 - B. Not a malicious talker**
 - C. Temperate**
 - D. Trustworthy in everything**

Why do you believe you are called to be a deacon and why do you wish to serve as one?

When did you come to faith?

Does your wife/husband support the idea of you being a deacon?

Have you been divorced? Remarried? Under what circumstances?

How do you handle alcohol / other substances? Any addictions?

Financially are there any issues we need to know about? Are you in big debt?

Are there any incidents or character traits that non-Christians would know of that would lead them to question the faith?

A member of the church is offended by one of your actions that you think is a "non-issue." How do you respond to that person?

Church leadership as a whole has decided to follow a course of action that is unpopular with a number of people in the body. Privately you also disagree with this course of action. A number of these disgruntled people have complained to you about this issue. How would you respond to them?

Please explain your understanding and role of a deacon.

Anything else you know you need to mention?

Doctrine

Community Bible Church is a Bible believing and Bible teaching church. "Buying into" some abstract body of truth does not qualify any individual or a church as "Bible believing." Rather, biblical faith is a relationship to God, through Jesus Christ, based upon the gospel revealed by Him and in His holy word. We seek to maintain the entire teaching of the Bible, rightly understood as our sole source of authority and polity.

Can you articulate a clear position on:

The Gospel

Jesus

The Bible

Salvation

What is your position on:

Membership

The Lord's Supper

Baptism

Devotions:

What are your patterns, disciplines and understandings in relation to:

Bible reading

Prayer

Witnessing

Giving

I affirm that everything presented in this questionnaire is true and accurate:

Signature: _____

Date: _____