

The Messenger



“... How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!” Romans 10:15

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An Expedient Procedure in the Selection and Appointment of Deacons

Step One:

The congregation selects men according to the Holy Spirit's guidelines in I Timothy 3.

- A. The congregation would include all members of this local body.
- B. Children who are Christians are only permitted to select men if their parents consider them mature enough to understand the qualifications, the men involved, God's purpose, and the gravity of the occasion:
 - 1. Have they truly studied this subject?
 - 2. Have they prayed continually for God's wisdom and guidance in the appointment of these men?
 - 3. Do they truly know these men?
 - 4. Will they select without partiality?
 - 5. Will their choices be based on objective study and knowledge of God's word or subjective feelings?

Step Two:

Write down the names of all men you believe are qualified.

Step Three:

Give the names to one of the elders: Bill Brown or Dempsey Collins.

- A. Members may give their slips of names to these men at any time.
- B. The elders will keep a list of those who have turned in their slips.
- C. All members of the congregation are to be made aware of the need for their involvement.

Step Four:

The majority will be determined by the number of those members who participate in this process by either choosing qualified men or stating none are presently qualified.

Step Five:

The selection process will continue for two weeks beginning Sunday, February 21.

Step Six:

By the morning of Sunday, March 7, if men are selected by a majority of the participating members, the elders will privately ask them if they desire the work.

Step Seven:

If these men desire the work, their names will be announced to the congregation during the evening service of Sunday, March 7.

Step Eight:

Two weeks will then be given to allow the brethren opportunity to privately approach these men to ask questions and voice agreement or objection. These men would no doubt be appreciative of knowing that members are supportive. Any objections must be Scriptural and substantiated:

- A. If others need to be involved, consider the principle in Matthew 18:16.
- B. This matter is to be kept as private as possible.
- C. The men selected as potential deacons should make themselves available for any questions and comments.
- D. Scriptural, substantiated objections should result in the withdrawal of the man for this work.

Step Nine:

If there are no Scriptural objections, then the men should be set before the church on the morning of Sunday, March 21 and appointed.

Respectfully submitted,

The Elders,

Bill Brown & Dempsey Collins

News and Notes:

Reminder: Bible Study – Every Tuesday @ 10 a.m. (Exodus) and @ 7 p.m. (Romans)

Remember to check the prayer list for those with ongoing spiritual weaknesses and physical illnesses.

“...Pray for one another...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”

James 5:16