



June 26, 2019

Dear First Baptist Member:

Our annual deacon election process begins July 1. Choosing our leaders is one of the most sacred responsibilities we have as members of the Body of Christ. Please carefully review the action steps below, taking note of all key dates.

1. Review the enclosed qualifications and ask God for guidance.

2. During the month of July, prayerfully submit the names of *up to* five men to serve.

- **Nominations should be made using the Deacon Nomination Form.** Forms may be submitted in person at the Welcome Center on Sundays or to the Church Office. Forms may also be downloaded at fbclebanon.org/news and submitted via email to fbcmal@fbclebanon.org.
- Refer to your member directory for correct names and spellings. Copies are available in the Welcome Center or the Church Office.
- **The final day to submit a nomination is Wednesday, July 31st.**

3. Participate in the Deacon Election on Sunday morning, September 8th.

- A committee of current deacons will screen the nominations and contact the top nominees, at which time each man will be given the opportunity to accept the nomination or withdraw his name from consideration. There is no longer an “opt out” option prior to the nomination process.
- A slate of *up to* ten nominees will be presented to the Church for consideration.
- Absentee ballots will be received in the Church office the week prior to the election.
- New deacons will be announced and an ordination ceremony will be scheduled if needed.

Thank you for your participation in this important process.

Gratefully,
Pastor David