

Special Called Business Meeting

Sunday, September 24, 2023

Motions for Consideration

On Sunday, September 24, the church will convene a special-called business meeting for the purpose of voting on two motions for consideration. At the close of each service, members will have the opportunity to vote by ballot on each of these items. We will also provide an online ballot for those who wish to register their vote electronically.

From the Guidelines to Faith and Practice Committee:

In addition to bylaw changes that the church recently passed, the Guidelines to Faith and Practice Committee also presented proposed changes to our church's constitution. These changes in both summary and detail have been available for review by the church family for the past three months.

The most important changes include updated language concerning our statement of faith and our church covenant. Our church has always operated under the most current form of the Baptist Faith and Message, so now our governing documents reflect our adherence to the Baptist Faith and Message 2000. We updated the language of the church covenant with the intention of it becoming a meaningful document that helps people understand the significance and expectations of church membership.

The Guidelines to Faith and Practice Committee recommends that the church adopt the proposed changes to the constitution as presented. The motion requires an approval of at least 75% of the people voting.

From the Deacons

Recently our church family submitted names of men who they would like to see serve as deacons. After prayerful consideration, vetting, and discussion with several of those men, the deacons have agreed unanimously to nominate the seven men listed below:

1. Zac Bielling

Zac has served as a deacon in our church in the past. He currently serves as a Fifth Grade Life Group Leader in our Next Gen ministries. He finds additional adult community by attending the Wednesday night Life Group led by Chris Ward. Zac has been instrumental in serving on the stewardship committee as well as other ministry teams in the church, including our choir.

2. Ted Janson

While this will be the first time that Ted serves our church as a deacon, he has served as a deacon in other ministry contexts. Ted is a gifted teacher, attending the Life Group led by Don Gutshall and filling in when needed. Ted also has served on various committees including most recently the nominating committee. Ted serves on various ministry teams including security, first impressions, care ministry team, and hospitality team.

3. Scott Johns

Scott has served as a deacon in our church in the past. Scott has served faithfully in various committee roles, most significantly on staff search committees and the personnel committee. He is a gifted teacher and musician. In the past he has sung in the choir and more recently, faithfully serving on our worship team playing acoustic guitar.

4. Garland Kirby

Garland has served as a deacon in the past. He currently serves on several ministry teams including, cold weather shelter team, and care team. Garland represents the love of Christ well in the community as he serves various organizations outside of our church as well. Garland attends the Life Group led by Don Gutshall.

5. Mark Nodes

This will be Mark's first time serving our church with the title of deacon. Mark models a servant's heart in everything he does for Parkview, whether it is preparing and serving meals, staying overnight in our cold weather shelter, or keeping the facilities and campus maintained and in good operating order. Mark attends the Life Group led by Dave Waller. Upon approval by the church, Mark will be presented for ordination on Sunday, October 1, 2023.

6. Julian Singleton

Julian has served as a deacon in our church many times. He attends the Life Group led by Donnie Williams. Julian has been a tremendous help to the pastoral staff through homebound and hospital visits. He has a heart that cares for people and their well-being and makes himself available to those who are in need.

7. Chris Ward

This will be the first time that Chris Ward serves as a deacon. Chris is a gifted teacher and leads one of our new Wednesday night Life Groups. He has a heart for missions and most recently went to Czech Republic as a member of that mission team. Upon approval, Chris will be presented for ordination on Sunday, October 1, 2023.

The deacons recommend that the church appoint these seven men to begin serving as deacons in our church for a three-year term beginning October 1, 2023, and in keeping with recent bylaw changes, ending on December 31, 2026.