

Coral Hill Baptist Church Deacon

Qualifications of a Deacon

It has been the historical practice and precedence of Coral Hill Baptist Church to limit the office of Deacon to men who meet the biblical qualifications stated in **1 Tim 3:8-13** (Acts 6:1-7).

- Steady Character (v. 8) – Does his behavior reflect biblical truth and the character of Christ?
- Strong Faith (v. 9-10) – Does his faith demonstrate spiritual maturity and humility?
- Stable Home (v. 11-12) – Does he love his wife and lead his family according to biblical principles?

Responsibilities of a Deacon

The deacons shall be responsible to assist the Pastoral Team in serving the congregation by primarily addressing the physical needs of the fellowship and helping to carry out the mission and ministry of the church.

- Minister to the physical needs of the church (1 Tim 3:8-13; Mark 10:43-45; Phil 2:5-7)
- Serve to meet the benevolence needs of the church (Acts 6:1-7)
- Serve to meet the bereavement needs of the church (James 1:26; 1 Tim 5:3)
- Prepare and serve the Lord's Supper (Luke 9:16; Matt 26:26-28)
- To help ensure that the resources, property, and facilities of CHBC are used solely in a manner consistent with Biblical truth.

Current Deacon Body:

John Ray Ford, Kenneth Robertson, Gary Pickett, Chris Bartley, Jeff Young, Mike Huffman, Doug Poynter, Tony Brownfield, Damon Parsons, Benny Lile, Steve Owens

Coral Hill Baptist Church Elder

Qualifications of an Elder

As a shepherd who helps lead the people of God at Coral Hill Baptist Church, it is essential that the men who serve as elders meet the biblical qualifications as stated in **1 Tim 3:1-7** and **Titus 1:5-9**.

- Spiritually seasoned – Does his walk with the Lord show evidence of humility, gentleness, and wisdom?
- Morally mature – Does his life reflect the character of Christ in the church and in the community?
- Faithfully leading – Does he demonstrate the heart of a shepherd at home and in the church?
- Biblically sound – Does he manifest the gift of teaching the Word of God with accuracy and effectiveness?

Responsibilities of an Elder

The Elders shall be responsible to shepherd the congregation towards spiritual maturity and the fulfillment of its mission and purpose.

- Ministering to the spiritual needs of the congregation (1 Tim 3:1-7).
- Overseeing the mission, vision, and overall direction of the fellowship (1 Peter 5:1-2; 1 Tim 3:1).
- Teaching/Preaching God's Word while guarding biblical fidelity among the fellowship (1 Tim 5:17; Acts 15:6; John 21:17).
- Addressing issues that may disrupt the unity of the fellowship or hinder the believer's testimony (Matt 18:15-17; Acts 14:23, 20:17, 28-31; Titus 1:9).
- Upholding the biblical standards of marriage, moral purity, and church discipline (Acts 20:28).

Current Elder Body:

Staff Elders: Ray Woodie, Jordan Woodie, Andy Brownfield

Lay Elders: John Harbert, Derek Fisher, Chris Gatlin