

**Today the elders are presenting the names of men who were recommended by members of this congregation and reviewed with much prayer and discussion. These men have undergone a careful and exacting interview process in which God's guidance was sought by the current elders.**

**We are now asking the whole  
congregation to once again  
consider these men against  
scriptures**

**1 Timothy 3:1-13**

**Acts 6**

**Titus 1:5-9**

**Acts 20:17-38**

**1 Peter 5:1-5**

# Qualifications for Overseers and Deacons

## 1 Timothy 3:1-13

<sup>1</sup> This saying is trustworthy: “If someone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a good work.” <sup>2</sup> The overseer then must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, an able teacher,

## 1 Timothy 3:1-13

<sup>3</sup> not a drunkard, not violent, but gentle, not contentious, free from the love of money. <sup>4</sup> He must manage his own household well and keep his children in control without losing his dignity.

<sup>5</sup> But if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for the church of God?

## 1 Timothy 3:1-13

<sup>6</sup> He must not be a recent convert, or he may become arrogant and fall into the punishment that the devil will exact. <sup>7</sup> And he must be well thought of by those outside the faith, so that he may not fall into disgrace and be caught by the devil's trap.

## 1 Timothy 3:1-13

<sup>8</sup> Deacons likewise must be dignified, not two-faced, not given to excessive drinking of wine, not greedy for gain, <sup>9</sup> holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.

<sup>10</sup> And these also must be tested first and then let them serve as deacons if they are found blameless.

## 1 Timothy 3:1-13

<sup>11</sup> Likewise also their wives must be dignified, not slanderous, temperate, faithful in every respect. <sup>12</sup> Deacons must be husbands of one wife and good managers of their children and their own households. <sup>13</sup> For those who have served well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and great boldness in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

**If your consideration should identify a scriptural reason for a man not to serve, we would ask that you submit your signed concerns in writing with scriptural reason by which he fails to qualify. Then present it to one of the elders by January 31.**



**The importance of the congregation being the ones to identify the men for consideration to serve as elders and deacons was stressed.**

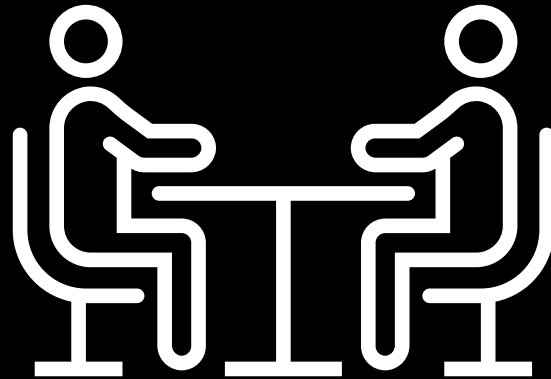
**We thank the congregation for your involvement in submitting names of men to serve.**

**This indicates your willingness to serve with these people.**

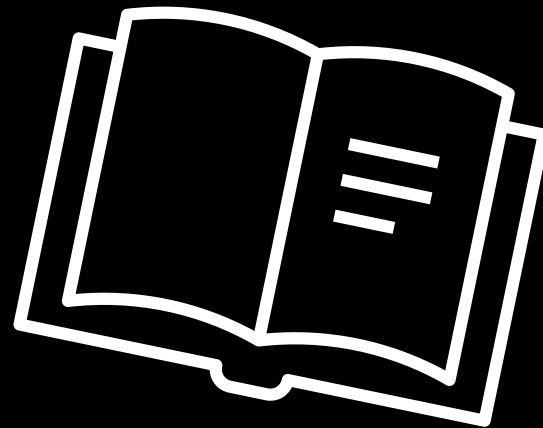
- **For Elders, we received 6 recommendations:**
  - **Two have agreed to serve**
  - **Three declined to serve at this time**
  - **One elder candidate received only one recommendation**

- **For deacons, we received 7 recommendations:**
  - **Two have agreed to serve**
  - **One felt he was not ready to serve yet, but he is doing an excellent job as a servant of the Lord.**
  - **Two received only one recommendation**
  - **Two were not members of this congregation**

**The following is a brief summation of some of the items discussed with each candidate:**



**Belief that the Bible is the inspired  
word of God recorded by men who  
were guided by the Holy Spirit**



## 2 Timothy 3:16-17

<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

## 2 Peter 1:21

For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

## Revelation 22:18-19

<sup>18</sup> I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy contained in this book: If anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. <sup>19</sup> And if anyone takes away from the words of this book of prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city that are described in this book.



**Belief that no one can be saved outside the church which Christ built;**

**Also, that the obedience which brings one to the state of salvation is not complete until one is immersed in water for remission of sins.**

**Acts 4:12**

**And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among people by which we must be saved.**

**Can anyone be saved outside of the church which Christ built?**

The Bible makes it clear that there is only one body.

## Ephesians 4:3-6

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

## Colossians 1:18

And He is the head of the body, the church.

He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

**Can one be saved without being  
immersed in water for the  
remission of sins?**

**The Bible is very clear on baptism being  
necessary for us to be saved.**

## 1 Peter 3:20-22

God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also...

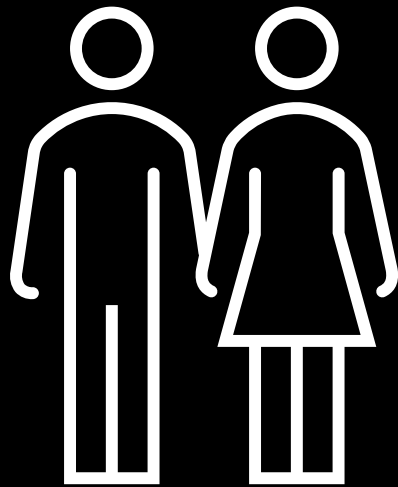
# The role of women in the Church

As far as worship assembly goes,

## 1 Corinthians 14:34-35

Women are not allowed to speak, but must be in submission, as the law says. If they want to inquire about something, they should ask their own husbands at home; for it is disgraceful for a woman to speak in the church.

# Discussion of New Testament teaching about marriage





**Marriage is between one natural born man  
and one natural born woman**

**Matthew 19:4-6**

<sup>4</sup> He answered, “Have you not read that from the beginning the Creator made *them male and female*, <sup>5</sup> and said, ‘*For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and will be united with his wife, and the two will become one flesh*’?”

# God's position on same sex marriage

## Jude 6 & 7

<sup>6</sup> And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day. <sup>7</sup> So also Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighboring towns, since they indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire in a way similar to these angels, are now displayed as an example by suffering the punishment of eternal fire.

# **Old and New Testament teaching about Homosexual relationships**

**(Lev.18:22 & Romans 1:26-27 & 1Cor. 6:16-20)**

## Romans 1:24-28

<sup>24</sup> Therefore God gave them over in the desires of their hearts to impurity, to dishonor their bodies among themselves.

<sup>25</sup> They exchanged the truth of God for a lie and worshiped and served the creation rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

## Romans 1:24-28

<sup>26</sup> For this reason God gave them over to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged the natural sexual relations for unnatural ones, <sup>27</sup> and likewise the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed in their passions for one another.

## Romans 1:24-28

Men committed shameless acts with men and received in themselves the due penalty for their error. <sup>28</sup> And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what should not be done.

# **Remarriage that results in adultery**

(Romans 7:3, Mathew 5:32, and 1 Cor 7:10-11)

## **Romans 7:3**

<sup>3</sup> So then, if she is joined to another man while her husband is alive, she will be called an adulteress. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she is joined to another man, she is not an adulteress.

**The following points address  
Sin and Forgiveness**



**How should members of the Lord's church  
respond to a brother/sister who has wronged  
us personally?**

**Matthew 6:14-15**

<sup>14</sup> For if you forgive others their  
trespasses, your heavenly Father will  
also forgive you, <sup>15</sup> but if you do not  
forgive others their trespasses, neither  
will your Father forgive your trespasses.

**How should members of the Lord's church  
respond to a brother/sister who is caught up  
in sin?**

**Galatians 6:1**

Brothers, If anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch lest you be tempted. (If they repent, we should forgive them, love them, and restore them to the church.)

# If a brother or sister has wronged you, what are you to do?

## Matthew 18:15-17

If your brother sins against you, go tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you and have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup> But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witness. <sup>17</sup> If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, let him be with you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

**Discipline** is a responsibility placed upon  
the church by the writers of the New  
Testament to make every effort to see that  
each one gets to enjoy eternity in heaven.

Scripture teaches that Christians are to live a lifestyle that brings glory to God (Matt. 5:16).

When one lives in a manner that is inconsistent with those biblical standards, church discipline may be exercised as found in Scripture (Matt. 18:15-18; Rom. 16:17; 1 Cor. 5:1ff).

There are several steps that show love and patience, but if one remains unrepentant and in rebellion to the way and will of the Lord, a last step of withdrawal of member fellowship may be necessary.

(1 Corinthians 5:6-7; 2 Thessalonians 3:6)

Even that is done with the aim of a change of lifestyle and restoration to the fellowship of the congregation.

(2 Corinthians 2:1-11; 7:8-12)

# Elders

The Church's organization has Christ as its Head (Colossians 1:18) and is guided by an **eldership**. The elders (plural) are spiritually minded men of the local congregation who satisfy the qualifications as stated in 1 Timothy 3:2-7 and Titus 1:6-9.



# Elders

Also referred to in the New Testament as overseers, shepherds, bishops, and pastors to help shed light on the duties and responsibilities of these men.

In speaking to the elders of the Ephesian church, Paul said, “Pay careful attention to yourselves and your flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood”

(Acts 20:28).

Peter asked the elders to “Shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight” (1Peter 5:2).

The elders have the responsibility for the spiritual care and well-being of every soul.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:12, Paul says,  
“respect those who labor among  
you and are over you in the Lord”.

The Hebrew writer says (Hebrew  
13:17), “Obey your leaders and  
submit to them, for they are keeping  
watch over your souls, as those who  
will give an account”.

# Elder Candidates

**Shawn Sandefur    Wife: Dian Sandefur**

Children: Alyssa, Coleman, and Grayson

The Sandefurs have raised their family as active members of the League City Church of Christ since May 2011. Shawn has served as education and youth deacon, assisted in Bible Bowl, and has taught adult Bible classes. Shawn is active helping members in times of needs. Shawn and Dian have been married 26 years. Dian fully supports Shawn serving as an elder.

**Erwin Veteto      Wife: Pam Veteto**

Children: Cody Veteto, Kasey Veteto Martin,  
(wife of Trevor Martin), and Jayme Veteto

Pam's mother: Rose Watson

The Vetetos have raised their family as active members of the League City Church of Christ since July 2006. He has served as a youth deacon. Erwin and Pam have taught and coordinated Bible Bowl for many years. Erwin has taught adult Bible classes. Erwin is also active in helping members during times of needs. Erwin and Pam have been married for 35 years. Pam fully supports Erwin serving as an elder.

**Erwin Veteto**  
**Pam Veteto**  
**Jayne Veteto**  
**Rose Watson**





# Deacon Candidates

**Jeffrey Carroll**   **Wife:** Erica Carroll

Children: Jaydon, Jordan, Jacey, and Jonathan

Jeffrey and Erica have been active members since July 1994. Prior to moving, Jeffrey served here at League City as a deacon. He and Erica have been active teaching Youth Bible classes. They have a strong background working with youth in public and private schools. Jeffrey will be serving as a youth deacon. Jeffrey and Erica have been married 17 years. Erica fully supports Jeffrey serving as a deacon.

# **C.J. Forest      Wife: Rachel Forest**

Children: London, Roman, and Lincoln

C.J. and Rachel have been active members since January 2009. C.J. and Rachel have been active teaching youth Bible classes. C.J. has also taught College and adult Bible Classes. They are concerned parents closely monitoring their family's Bible Studies. C.J. will be serving as a youth deacon. C.J. and Rachell have been married 11 years. Rachel fully supports C.J. serving as a deacon.