

PROCEDURE FOR ORDINATION

Fairview Baptist Church
Apex, NC

Following the approval of the Senior Pastor and Pastoral Staff:

1. The candidate should complete a statement of his doctrine before the ordination council is scheduled. The statement of doctrine should address the basic issues listed under doctrinal questions.
2. The Pastor will assemble an ordination council of pastoral staff and deacons (active or inactive) to question the candidate on his personal experience, statement doctrine, and suitability for ordination.
3. The Pastor will then contact the candidate to arrange a date for the council's examination and coordinate the distribution of the material to potential council members.
4. The council meets with the ordination candidate on the appointed day for the purpose of sharing his testimony, his call, his doctrinal statement, and his suitability for ministry. At that meeting, the council will vote whether to recommend the candidate to the church for ordination.
5. If the recommendation is approved, the Pastor will then schedule a time for ordination during a service with the candidate.

Note: The procedure for ordination as outlined above may be stopped at any point by the candidate or the church leadership.

DOCTRINAL EXAMINATION

Please write in a brief, concise fashion your personal response to the following:

1. Can you articulate the gospel?
2. Share your personal testimony, and provide an explanation as to why you think you are called to the ministry?
3. Provide a description of your personal and family devotional life.
4. What do you believe about the inspiration and infallibility of the Scriptures?
5. Explain your understanding of the doctrine of God and how you would articulate the doctrine of the Trinity?

6. Explain your understanding of the person and redemptive work of Jesus Christ, including His virgin birth, sinlessness, and His bodily resurrection.
7. What is the role and person of the Holy Spirit, and your personal conviction regarding spiritual gifts?
8. Articulate how you understand the doctrine of salvation, election, and the security of the believer?
9. What is your understanding of the doctrine of depravity and sin?
10. How would you articulate the Biblical portrait of satan and his demons?
11. How would you explain the purpose and nature of miracles in the Old and New Testaments?
12. What positions do you hold regarding the second coming of Jesus Christ, and on prophetic events regarding the end times?
13. Articulate your beliefs about the doctrine of heaven, hell, and eternal judgment.
14. Concerning the doctrine of the church, what are your convictions regarding church polity (church leadership), and your beliefs on the ordinances of the church?
15. How would you describe the biblical role and function of the pastoral office?
16. What are your convictions regarding the Great Commission, evangelism, and world missions?
17. What is your level of comment to balancing the family life, your relationship to your wife, her relationship to the ministry, your relationship to the children?
18. Offer a brief description of your convictions on human sexuality, marriage, divorce and remarriage.
19. Give an account of your history of personal giving and stewardship?
20. Provide a few examples of recent ongoing discipleship relationships. Describe what you do in personal discipleship relationships?
21. How would you handle conflict in ministry settings?