

TEACHER AND COMMITTEE QUALIFICATIONS

Fairview Baptist Church

INTRODUCTION

“Not many of you should become teachers...for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.” – James 3:1

“Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.” – Hebrews 13:7

We strive to select and nominate qualified men and women who are active members in good standing, and demonstrate giftedness and talents to best fulfill the responsibilities of the roles they are being nominated for. In order to do this, we hope to aid in the qualification process through a short list of questions. There are Scriptural expectations of leaders in the church. Being qualified doesn't mean being perfect. If that were the case, we would have no leaders at all. But qualifying leaders does several things:

1. Leaders protect the mission of the church.

Teachers and members of teams often help make or lead in decision-making of the church family. We want people on these teams that believe in the mission of making disciples.

2. Leaders should be exemplary in the areas of their service.

When one examines the list of qualifications in the passages mentioned below, most of them have to do with Biblical commands, The qualifications mentioned below primarily pertain to exemplifying Christian character and leadership for the church family.

3. Leaders protect the unity of the church.

Having qualified leaders doesn't rule out the possibility of division, but it does generally provide greater unity and peace in the church. We want people on these teams that are eager to maintain the unity of the church.

4. This process aids in preparing people to serve with joy.

There are times when they accept a nomination to serve simply because they are honored to be asked, or the just genuinely want to serve. The problem is, sometimes people don't realize what the work entails, or do not have the gifting or experience that fits the work of their potential role. We want to help guard against this as much as possible.

QUESTIONS

Using these questions, please allow time for you and your spouse to prayerfully consider if this is the right choice for you at this time. You can find the duties for the each Committee in the church bylaws.

1. Would *you* and *other members* of the church consider you to be a member in good standing according to the church membership covenant (Heb. 10:25)? Take a moment and read through each line of the covenant (Page 3).
2. Do *you* believe that God has gifted you with the ability and passion to contribute to the work you are being nominated for?
3. Would *others* say that you have passion, gifting and experience in the areas pertaining to the particular ministry area you have been nominated for?
4. Do *you* believe you are respected servant leaders in the church, similar to the qualification of deacons outlined in 1 Tim. 3:8-13?
5. Do *you* believe you are relationally exemplary, and have healthy relationships with members and leaders in the church family (Mark 9:50; Romans 12:10; 14:13)?
6. Do *you* regularly support the ministry of the church (Deut. 16:17; 2 Cor. 9:7; Prov. 28:25; Rom. 12:1; Eph. 5:5)?¹
7. If you are married to a believer, would *your spouse* affirm how you have answered the questions above?

¹ Regular financial contribution is particularly important for those being nominated to serve on the stewardship team.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

Fairview Baptist Church, Apex NC

Having been led by the Holy Spirit to repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ according to the will of the Father, and having been baptized as believers in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we desire to be obedient to God's Word, and therefore, with the gracious aid of God, commit to:

GOSPEL TRANSFORMATION

Pray for and seek the salvation of others through the proclamation of the gospel;
Fight against sin in the pursuit of sanctification through personal and group discipleship;
Confess, believe, and defend biblical doctrine as summarized in our statement of faith;
Speak the truth in love to one another in a way that is edifying and receive admonishment as occasion may require; and
Be slow to take offense and always ready to reconcile and to offer forgiveness freely to one another.

LOVING COMMUNITY

Pray for the church as a whole, for her members, and for our mission partners;
Participate in worship gatherings, the ordinances, Life Groups, and members' meetings regularly and faithfully;
Pursue our church's mission in a spirit of loving cooperation, submitting to the leaders who have been granted authority by the congregation;
Protect the unity of the church by walking together in Christian love; and
Serve one another as members of one body, using our spiritual gifts, natural abilities, and resources.

MISSIONAL LIVING

Pray for boldness and opportunities to share the gospel with gentleness and respect, always ready to give the reason for the hope that is within us;
Be zealous in our efforts to advance the gospel of Jesus Christ, submitting our preferences and comforts to the mission of making disciples;
Commit to equip, send, and support one another for international, national, and local missions efforts;
Give of our finances generously, sacrificially, and regularly in support of the ministries of the church and our mission partners; and
Be faithful kingdom witnesses in all areas of life by walking in the fruit of the Spirit and aiding those in need.

Now to Him who is able to keep us from stumbling and to present us blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority before all time and now and forevermore. Amen.