

First Baptist Church Deacon Categories

Life Deacon

A Life Deacon is a Deacon who has served as a Deacon for a minimum of 30 years (including reserve periods), or who reaches the age of 65, and is nominated by the Deacon Nominating Committee and elected by the Church for elevation to Life Deacon status. The immediate past Chairman of the Deacons is automatically elevated to Life Deacon status without regard to years of service or age. Life Deacons are considered Active Deacons at all times and are expected to attend Deacon meetings, remain faithful in Biblical stewardship, and are eligible to vote on any and all matters presented to the Deacons. No Life Deacon may serve on any Deacon committee for more than three years without being rotated off that particular committee for a period of time of at least one year.

Reserve Deacon

A Reserve Deacon is a Deacon who has previously served a term as an Active Deacon. He is in reserve status for committees and meetings, but he is still active in attending Deacons meetings, service on Church Ministry Teams, church and Sunday School attendance, stewardship, and other ministry activities of the church. He is ineligible to vote and to serve on Deacon Committees. After a period of at least one year, a Reserve Deacon will be eligible to rotate back on to Active Deacon status after consideration and election by the Deacon Nominating Committee and the church.

Active Deacon

An Active Deacon is one nominated by the Deacon Nominating Committee and elected by the Church to serve as Deacon for generally a three-year term. In some cases, the term of active service may be for a period of time less than three years but may not extend beyond a three-year period. An Active Deacon is expected to attend Deacon meetings, remain faithful in Biblical stewardship, and to carry out committee assignments. An Active Deacon is eligible to vote on any and all matters presented to the Deacons.