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 FIRST BAPTIST JACKSON

CONFIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATION FOR DEACON NOMINATION
(Deadline for submission on or before Monday, April 12, 2010)

While this form is confidential to the Deacon Nominating Committee, you are encouraged to discuss this information with the prospective nominee.

The nominator should use his/her own discretion with how the following information is gathered. Complete information is essential to the Committee's work.

1. Following prayerful consideration, I consider the following person to have accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior and to have met the requirements listed below in Paragraphs 5, 6 and 7, and I recommend that he be considered for nomination as a Deacon of First Baptist Church, Jackson: (PLEASE PRINT)

2. His wife's name is: _____

3. Children (Names and ages, if known): _____

4. His occupation is: _____ Place of Employment: _____

5. Member of First Baptist Church, Jackson since _____, if known. He must have been a member of First Baptist Church, Jackson, at any of its campuses, for at least four years, as of January 1, 2010. If he has been a member for a total of four years, but not consecutively, he must have been a member since January 1, 2008.

6. I believe this person clearly meets the following Scriptural requirements to become a Deacon:

I Timothy 3:8-11 - Deacons, likewise, are to be men worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as Deacons. In the same way, their wives are to be women worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything. (NIV)

Acts 6:3 - Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them. (NIV)

7. I believe this person would clearly meet First Baptist Church's duly adopted qualifications and expectations for Deacons, as follows:

The selected Deacons shall have a deep personal commitment and dedication to our Lord and His church and have the heart of a servant. "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve ..." (Mark 10:45a).

They are expected to be particularly conscious of their responsibility with regard to attendance and participation in all Deacons' Meetings, Sunday School and church development activities, and Worship Services of the church.

They are expected to faithfully support the budget and programs of the Church.

The complete church policy on Deacon nomination, as well as the "Statement Of My Commitment Upon Being An Active Deacon" are available for review on the FBCJ website – www.fbcj.org.

8. This person has demonstrated his commitment to Jesus Christ and to First Baptist Church, Jackson in the following ways:

A. Sunday School/Discipleship Training Activities:

(1) Member of what class: _____

(2) Positions held: _____

(3) Faithfulness of attendance: _____

(4) Comments: _____

B. Worship Services he regularly attends:

9:00 A.M. _____ 10:30 A.M. _____ 6:00 P.M. _____

C. Other Church Activities (please attach additional pages, if needed):

9. Has this person been previously ordained? Yes _____ No _____ Not Known _____

10. If yes, what church: _____ When: _____

11. State how long and in what capacity you have known this person and why you are recommending this person for consideration by the Deacon Nominating Committee (please attach additional pages, if needed).

12. Contact Information for Nominee (if available):

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Numbers: (H) _____ (W) _____

Email Address: _____

I recommend this person for consideration as a Deacon of First Baptist Church, Jackson.

I have ___ have not ___ discussed this information with the nominee. He and I understand that there may be more nominees than there are available vacancies to be filled.

Printed Name

Date

Signature

**PLEASE PLACE IN A SEALED ENVELOPE MARKED "CONFIDENTIAL" AND RETURN ON OR BEFORE
Monday, April 12, 2010 TO:**

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
BUSINESS OFFICE
ATTN: DEACON NOMINATING COMMITTEE
P. O. BOX 250
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