

Looking for Elder Candidates

The Nominating Committee is looking for suggestions from church members regarding who might be qualified candidates for the position of Elder for three-year terms starting in June 2024. We are seeking candidates to fill three three-year Elder positions and one two year position.

According to our Constitution, candidates we consider must be men who have been SSBC members for at least three years and who meet the biblical qualifications for Elders.

Please read through the Bible passages below and let us know who you would like for us to consider.

“A Job Description for Lay Elders” is a blog post which offers good insights into the role of Elders at SSBC. There is a link to the article on our website at: southshorebaptist.com/leadership

The Biblical Standard

Elder qualification is based on a **detailed biblical standard**, which is described in the following verses:

¹ Here is a trustworthy saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task. ² Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³ not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. ⁴ He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. ⁵ (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?) ⁶ He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. ⁷ He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap.
(1 Timothy 3:1-7)

⁶ An elder must be blameless, the husband of but one wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient. ⁷ Since an overseer is entrusted with God's work, he must be blameless—not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. ⁸ Rather he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. ⁹ He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it. (Titus 1:6-9)

¹ To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed: ² Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; ³ not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. (1 Peter 5:1-3)

Please submit your nominations to our Elders on the Nominating Committee:

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Thank you.