

# Elder Nomination

God's Shepherds for Gateway Christian Church



## Overview

God has blessed Gateway with gifted and visionary leadership. They are disciples on a mission to make disciples. Through the months of October and November, Gateway will begin the important work of selecting new Elders to serve.

Elders are servant leaders who provide spiritual protection for the Church body and are accountable to Christ and the church family. Elders are to provide overall leadership at Gateway through prayer, the ministry of the Word, and pastoral care, and are to set the example for all Church members by their obedience to the mission of Christ and His Church (*Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 6:3-4; 20:28-31; 1 Corinthians 4:14-16; 1 Timothy 3:2; 5:17; Hebrews 13:7, 17; 1 Peter 5:1-4*).

Elders are selected from the adult male membership of the Church as led by the Holy Spirit and affirmed by Gateway membership. An Elder must have given evidence of spiritual maturity and service for an extended period of time. The qualifications for Elders are contained in *Acts 14:23; 15; 20; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; 5:17-22; Titus 1:5-9; and 1 Peter 5:1-4*.

## Selection Process

The selection of Elders involves congregational recommendations and a selection team comprised of current Elders. Each year, the Elders receive recommendations from the Gateway members. The qualified nominees are contacted by the Elders and asked if they would like to serve. Those willing are asked to complete a questionnaire and follow-up interview. As led by the Holy Spirit, the Elders will present these qualified candidates to the congregation at the beginning of November. A congregational vote is held on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. The results will be announced at our annual Thanksgiving Potluck.

### During the selection process we ask that you:

- 1) Commit to pray for the current Elders.
- 2) Study the Biblical qualifications for Eldership.
- 3) Prayerfully consider a recommendation.

### 1 Timothy 3:1-7

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.

### Titus 1:6-9

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.

**Thank you for taking time to complete the Elder Recommendation Form. Elders play an essential role in our church family, one that is not to be taken lightly. As such, we ask that you prayerfully complete this form, evaluating each question honestly based on your knowledge of the individual's qualifications according to the Scriptures listed.**

# GATEWAY ELDER RECOMMENDATION FORM

As a member of Gateway, your participation in the selection of qualified Elders is vital for the leadership of our church family. Please prayerfully study the Scriptures and listen to the Holy Spirit regarding those you would recommend for Eldership. Please keep in mind that those Elders finishing their three-year term this year are ineligible for one year.

## Are you a member of Gateway Christian Church?

(You have been baptized, attended 101, and placed your membership)

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Yes

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No

## Name of Elder Recommendation

Please support your recommendation by providing answers to the following questions.

- What have you observed that demonstrates his commitment to live with honesty and integrity?
- What have you observed that demonstrates his commitment to lead others to Christ and make disciples?
- What have you observed that demonstrates his commitment to the health of GCC?
- What have you observed that demonstrates his commitment to the unity of the body of Christ at GCC?

Please complete the assessment of Biblical Qualifications

BIBLICAL QUALIFICATIONS	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW
<b>Married to one woman</b> (Christ-centered marriage) 1Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:6; Ephesians 5:25			
<b>Temperate</b> (not given to excess) 1 Timothy 3:2			
<b>Sober-minded</b> (sensible & serious) 1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:8			
<b>Of good behavior</b> (speaks & lives with integrity) 1 Timothy 3:2			
<b>Hospitable</b> (genuinely kind & caring) 1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:8			
<b>A lover of what is good</b> (works toward a godly outcome) Titus 1:8			
<b>Able to teach</b> (present & defend God's word) 1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:9; 2 Timothy 2:2, 24; 2:15; Titus 2:7-8			
<b>Not given to drunkenness</b> 1 Timothy 3:3; Titus 1:7; Romans 14			
<b>Not violent</b> (settles disputes peacefully) 1 Timothy 3:3; Titus 1:7			
<b>Gentle</b> (patient & gracious) 1 Timothy 3:3; 2 Timothy 2:24			
<b>Not quick-tempered</b> (slow to anger) Titus 1:7; James 1:19-20			
<b>Not quarrelsome</b> (not argumentative or divisive) 1 Timothy 3:3; 2 Timothy 2:24-26; James 3:13-18			
<b>Just</b> (known for doing what is right) Titus 1:8			
<b>Holy</b> (devoted to being God's man) Titus 1:8			
<b>Self-controlled</b> (spiritually aware & disciplined) Titus 1:8			
<b>Not covetous</b> (not a lover of money) 1 Timothy 3:3; Titus 1:7; 1 Peter 5:2			
<b>Leads his household</b> (Christ-centered family) 1 Timothy 3:3; Titus 1:7; 1 Peter 5:2			
<b>Not a new convert</b> (has a seasoned, mature relationship with Christ) 1 Timothy 3:6			