

Bowling Green Baptist Church
Nomination of Deacon Candidates
29 April 2018

Each year in accordance with church By-Laws, we nominate, elect and ordain new Deacons. The congregation of BGBC has the privilege and responsibility to participate in this important aspect of our church by prayerfully nominating qualified men and women to serve in this position.

The New Testament provides two passages, one from the book of Acts and one from the Apostle Paul's letter to Timothy, that help us understand this important position in the life of the church. In 1 Timothy 3:8-13, we have the clearest text of scripture that describes the qualities of those who receive the role of "special servant" or "Deacon." When you look closely at this passage what you see are men and women who follow Christ closely. These are qualities that rub off on those who walk with Jesus. This is what happens to one who spends time looking at Him, listening to Him, learning from Him, and living like Him! This passage gives emphasis to what a Deacon is to be, not so much what a Deacon is to do. **The inference is, if a person is what they ought to be, then they will do what they ought to do.**

The passage in Acts 6:1-7, does give us a clearer glimpse as to what Deacons are to do, which is essentially this: **be assistants to the Pastor and staff, be servants to the church, and be witnesses to the world!**

Today, this insert has been placed in each bulletin so you can make your nominations. Additionally, the forms will be available each Sunday and in the church office through Sunday, May 20th. Please read carefully the aforementioned biblical passages to ensure the person you are nominating is scripturally qualified. Also ensure he or she is a member of the church and is currently serving or has served in some capacity in the church. You may give the form to the Pastor, or to any of the following currently serving Deacons:

- Neal Tidman (chairman – term ending 2018)
- Charles Cushing (term ending 2020)
- Ed Britt (term ending 2018)
- Daniele Cushing (term ending 2019)
- Carolyn Lane (term ending 2018)
- John Markham (term ending 2019)
- Sherry Brillhart (term ending 2020)
- Doug Farris (term ending 2020)
- Brad Thomas (term ending 2019)

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Frank or speak with any of the active Deacons listed above.

2018 Deacon Nomination and Election
Timeline

Nominations:	April 29-May 20
Nominee review:	May 24 (Deacons)
Nominee interviews:	May 27-July 1
Deaconate selection & recommendation:	July 2
Congregational Q&A:	July 8 and July 15
Congregational affirmation/vote (business meeting)	July 22, 10:00am
Ordination	TBD

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(tear here)

Deacon Nomination Form

I nominate the following person(s) to serve as Deacons for Bowling Green Baptist Church. (Please print)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Print name

Signature



WHY CHURCH?

“The People With the Roses”

April 29, 2018
HOMECOMING

Pastor Frank begins a new sermon series “Why Church” on April 29. Join us April 29th for Homecoming and return each week as this sermon series continues.

Growing and Learning in Grace

by Paige Carter

Vacation Bible School is coming soon! Get involved!



Top ten reasons to get involved in VBS:

- 10) You can improve your craft making and sports skills. This year's theme is **GAME ON!**
- 9) You will recall your VBS days and make new memories, too!
- 8) Snacks. Mrs. Bonnie has secured a lot of snacks!
- 7) Who doesn't want to play messy games?
- 6) Everyone else will be there!
- 5) The music you learn will be in your head forever.
- 4) You get to meet awesome kids and make other new friends.
- 3) You can start your priceless BGBC VBS tee shirt collection.
- 2) You'll learn God's love is incredible, faithful, invincible, unconditional, and real.... and he gives you energy you didn't even know you had!
- 1) You could be the one Jesus uses to change a child's life forever.

Centrikid is only 82 days away (at the time of writing), so please be in prayer for our kiddos, the chaperones and the Centrikid and Skycroft staff!

Let Paige Carter know how you can help at VBS or support Centrikid, today!!!

Upcoming dates....

VBS June 4-8

Centrikid June 16-20



Our church met our North American missions goal of \$1500.00 and exceeded this by \$10,00. WOW!! Praises to God and thanks to our church members who help us reach out to the many who have never heard of Jesus in our U.S. and Canada. Small churches are planted and the gospel is spread by our missionaries and other volunteers.

Many of our group looks forward to the fundraising luncheon after church on May 6 for Ella Divilbliss' Mission Trip to Russia. Everyone at church is invited to attend. It will start just after the 2nd service. You may sign up in the family ministry center or let Pastor Frank know if you can attend. Ella has an information board with pictures of a group who previously went on a mission trip to this area of Russia.

At our April meeting we discussed Women of the Cross who were there at the crucifixion. These women played a large part in the ministry of Jesus by providing Him and His disciples with food and money from their own funds.

Our annual WMU meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 24, 2018 at Calvary Baptist Church. Six of our members in addition to Pastor Johnson will enjoy a meal with other church mission groups in the Hermon Association. Our speaker for the event will be Sharon Todd of the Fredericksburg Association.

Musical Connections

Can you name the #1 Christian hymn on the Top 100 of all times?



If you guessed *A Mighty Fortress is our God*, you would be correct. It was written in 1529 by Martin Luther. Martin Luther who wrote the words once said, 'the Devil hates music because he cannot stand gaiety,' and 'Satan can smirk but he cannot laugh; he can sneer but he cannot sing.' Because he believed in the power of song, the great reformer spent a lot of time compiling a hymn book for use in congregational singing.

One writer has said that 'Luther translated the Bible into German so God could speak directly to the people; and provided the hymn so that the people could answer God in their songs.'

Luther is credited with thirty-seven hymns, by far the most popular being, "A Mighty Fortress". During those days of struggle, Luther turned often to Psalm 46 and was greatly encouraged by the words of verse one, 'God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.'

Soon a song was inspired, and Luther began in fine style with the bold declaration - 'Ein feste burg ist unser Gott' translated: 'A sure stronghold our God is He.' It was Frederick Hedge, in his translation of 1852, who changed this to the more familiar "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God".

Luther's original composition became immediately popular with the common people of reformation Germany, being sung continually in the streets and chanted by the martyrs as they awaited their grim fate. What a moving sound that must have made! Let's carry a song in our hearts during the month of May.

ANNOUNCEMENTS UPCOMING

Vacation Bible School. The VBS sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board. Volunteers are needed for Nursery, Pre K Teaching Team, Grades 1-6 Teaching Team, Recreation, Music, Missions, and Arts and Crafts. Please consider being a volunteer for VBS, June 4-8.

Holy Land Tour. Join Pastor Frank, Pastor Kevin James and others for a once in a lifetime opportunity to tour the Holy Land from November 27—December 6, 2018. Cost is only \$3,499 per person, which covers virtually everything. A deposit of \$500 to secure a reservation is due by May 31 in order to receive an “early bird” discount. Brochures are available from Pastor Frank.



May BIRTHDAYS

Allyson Curran Jordan	2
Jett Smith	10
Tom Dunnington	13
Ava Bissoon	14
Jenny Wright	14
Vincent Diritto	19
Vicky Farmer	22
Olivia Perry	24
Charles Cushing	26
Jackie Gray	26
Jack Shuler	28
Michael Crawford	29



May REMINDERS

Deacon of the Week:

MAY 6	Doug Farris
MAY 13	Charles Cushing
MAY 20	Sherry Brillhart
MAY 27	Carolyn Lane

Deacons' Meeting Devotions- John Markham

Building Security: – Deacon of the week

Counters— Laura Ferguson and Sandy Taylor

Flowers:

May 6	Jean Davis
May 13	Barbara Lewis
May 20	Carolyn Lane
May 27	Teresa and Bill Moore

Coffee & Snack Schedule:

MAY 6	Ella Divelbliss
MAY 13	Sallie Tidman
MAY 20	Margaret Mills
MAY 27	Mary Flora

Nursery Workers: *

6th - Karen Covington - **Jake Phelix** – Hannah Kennedy
 13th - Richard Gustard - **Naeda Gustard** – Laney Thomas
 20th **Ruth Judd** - _____ - Christianna Gray
 27th Paige Carter - **Heather Diritto** – Kamryn Gray

* Both individuals are responsible for the 8:45 service;
 the individual in red is also responsible for the 11:00
 service.