

“... pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart”
2 Timothy 2:22

March 6th, 2022 - 5 Keys to Handling the Deacon Objection Period Well

We're so blessed to have qualified men to potentially serve as deacons. This Wednesday, March 9th, is the final day to submit their names to the shepherds, and the shepherds plan to announce those names next Sunday, March 13th. From that point, you'll have 10 days to voice any objections you have to the men whose names were submitted. Hopefully we won't even need this article because there won't be any objections, but if there are, it can be awkward and difficult, so here are some keys to handling it well.



Key #1: Pray. Pray for courage to speak to the potential deacon. Pray that he'll have a receptive heart. Pray for clarity in your speech (Colossians 4:4). Potential deacons, pray for a heart to listen well. *“The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man is he who listens to counsel.”* (Proverbs 12:15). Let's all pray God is glorified in this process.

Key #2: Make sure it's a Scriptural objection. He may have a different parenting style than yours, but that doesn't make him a bad parent Scripturally. He may have hurt your feelings, but it doesn't mean he sinned against you according to God's Word. His sense of humor may be dryer than yours, but it doesn't make him irreverent. It's important to only voice an objection if he has, or is, clearly violating Scripture in some way.

Key #3: How you respond is part of the “test.” Paul says, *“These men must first be tested; then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach.”* (1 Tim. 3:10). Potential deacons, if someone approaches you with an objection and you fly off the handle, you're only proving you're not qualified to serve.

Key #4: Be gracious to the potential deacon. This won't be easy for him. It'll be awkward and unpleasant to hear from someone who disagrees he's qualified. Use a gentle, kind, loving tone. Make it clear you're on his side and only want the best for him because he's your brother in Christ. *“The tongue of the wise makes knowledge acceptable, but the mouth of fools spouts folly.”* (Proverbs 15:2)

Key #5: Be gracious to the objector. Potential deacons, realize it takes tremendous courage for this person to approach you. If their words don't come out right because they're nervous, or maybe they're charging you with something that's not sin, be patient and gracious. *“With humility, gentleness, and patience, show tolerance for one another in love.”* (Eph. 4:2). Put yourselves in their shoes and really try to see it from their perspective. Even if you didn't do anything sinful, you may have hurt this person inadvertently. A gracious response will seek reconciliation and to heal any hurt that hinders your relationship with this brother or sister in Christ (Matthew 5:23-24).

May God be with us all in the uncomfortable moments now so that there won't be any doubt or discomfort with the men we appoint as deacons; only rejoicing!

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Sunday Worship Services

9 a.m. Lord's Supper Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Class
10:45 a.m. Praise & Preaching

Wednesday Bible Classes 7:30 p.m.

Elders

Herb Hinely 407-339-4805
Jeff Hunt 407-739-5266
Joe Rimmer 407-414-7393
Dave Weaver 407-782-1112
Tim Welsh 407-670-8279

Deacons

Matt Hinely, Terry Petty
Erik Quist, Rory Salimbene
Emory VanCleaf

Evangelists

Brian Messerli 407-300-2517
Dwayne Gandy 214-724-5375



Acts 2:46-47; 8:8, 39; 13:52; 16:34

1. **Our God is _____!** (v. 1-2, 5-6)
 - Psalm 145:7; 65:4; Nehemiah 9:25; 1 Kings 8:66; Psalm 31:21
 - "He who has God and everything else has no more than he who has God only." - CS Lewis

2. **We're Surrounded by _____ People!** (v. 3)
 - Ruth 2:4; Philemon 1:7

3. **We Get to Avoid the _____ of Sin!** (v. 4)
 - Deuteronomy 10:12-13; Proverbs 5:7-14; Psalm 32:3-4

4. **We're Guided by God's Counsel!** (v. 7, 11a)
 - Psalm 19:8; Proverbs 29:18; Psalm 94:19; Psalm 119:111

5. **We're _____ in Crisis!** (v. 8)
 - Psalm 46:1-2; 1 Peter 1:6-9

6. **We're Delivered from Death!** (v. 9-10)
 - Acts 2:24, 31-32

7. **We Have Endless _____ in God's Presence!** (v. 11)
 - Psalm 37:4; Philippians 4:4

Discussion Questions for H2H

1. What are some things, past/present/future, that remind and assure you of God's goodness?
2. In what ways is it a pleasure to be God's child?
3. If we're not getting much joy or pleasure from being a Christian, what might be some reasons why?
4. If we've lost our joy, or it's fading, what are some ways to bring joy back again?

Announcements

Sunday, March 6, 2022

Please email all new announcements to announcements@psd.church.

MEMBERS HEALTH ISSUES:

- **Rebecca Salimbene** received an injection in her spine, and it has helped a great deal. She hopes this is long lasting.
- **Pat Steele** still has some pain. She is taking new medications. Please pray for Pat.
- **Carol VanCleaf** is still having a lot of pain in her left knee. She has an appointment with her knee surgeon Friday. Please pray for Carol.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF PSD:

- **UKRAINE: David & Marina Ciolkosz, the brother (and his wife) of Jon Ciolkosz**, live in Kyiv, Ukraine. They were finally able to cross over to Cluj-Napoca, Romania Friday. A church family picked them up and is hosting them and 11 others. They hope to come to Florida soon.
- **Karen Hudson, sister of Gail Story**, is suffering badly with breast cancer that has spread to her chest and other places in her body. Hospice has been called in, due to her pain and suffering. She is not expected to survive more than a week. Gail is caring for her continuously now.
- **Tim Story, Phil's twin brother**, had a defibrillator implanted in his chest Friday, due to his heart operating at only 10% capacity. His health is in a precarious status. They are monitoring his heart issues. Please pray for Tim, Phil, and the family.

TRAVELING:

- **Shelley Gandy** is visiting family in Tennessee, Kentucky, and Indiana. She returns March 14th.
- **Mike Allen** is in North Carolina for work. He returns March 12.
- **Dave & Brenda Weaver** are out of town this weekend.
- **Gail Story** is spending a lot of time with her sister, Karen, in Tampa, due to declining health, so she will not be able to be here.
- **Rory & Rebecca Salimbene** are in Tampa for the weekend.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

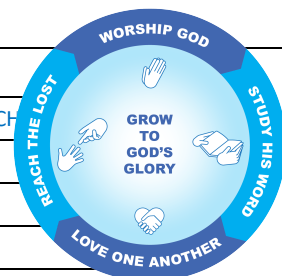
- **Kendra Aiken** is pregnant and really struggling with morning sickness. It is expected to last for a couple of months. Sarah Roberts has created a schedule for meals on TakeThemAMeal.com, for Tuesday and Thursday. Kendra is asking for you to PLEASE text or call Kendra before coming over because she is very sick and low on energy. She may not be able to see anyone. Please be prepared to text her before leaving your house, leave it on her porch and text her that you are gone. Please access the Schedule directly through the web site at TakeThemAMeal.com or find a link on our web site at psd.church, after you log into psd.church. Look for the link on the side bar. The Recipient's last name is Aiken and password is **3839**

SHUT-IN:

- **Anne Dickson, Geny Harrison, Peggy Hunt, Lynna Davis, and Pat Steele**

DATES TO NOTE:

DATE	EVENT
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9	DEACON NOMINATION FORMS DUE
SUNDAY, MARCH 13	ANNOUNCE THE NAMES OF THE DEACONS SUBMITTED BY THE CHURCH
SUNDAY, MARCH 27	DEACON APPOINTMENT SUNDAY
FRIDAY, APRIL 1	SING AND REJOICE: SINGING WORKSHOP WITH MATT DOW
SATURDAY, APRIL 2	SING AND REJOICE: SINGING WORKSHOP WITH MATT DOW
SUNDAY, APRIL 3	SING AND REJOICE: SINGING WORKSHOP WITH MATT DOW



Deacon Selection Schedule

Day	Event
Sunday, Feb. 13	1st Deacon Sermon. Deacon Selection Forms Available. 1st Sunday to Speak with Potential Deacons.
Sunday, Feb. 20	2nd Deacon Sermon. 2nd Sunday to Speak with Potential Deacons. Turn in Deacon Selection Forms if Ready.
Sunday, Feb. 27	3rd and Final Deacon Sermon. 3rd Sunday to Speak with Potential Deacons. Turn in Deacon Selection Forms if Ready.
Sunday, Mar. 6	4th and Final Sunday to Speak with Potential Deacons. Turn in Deacon Selection Forms if Ready.
Wednesday, Mar. 9	Final Day to Speak with Potential Deacons. Final Day to Turn in Deacon Selection Forms.
Thursday, Mar. 10	Shepherd's Zoom Meeting to Review Potential Deacon Candidates Submitted by the Church
Sunday, Mar. 13	Announce Names of Deacon Candidates. 1st Sunday Opportunity for Objections.
Sunday, Mar. 20	2nd and Final Sunday Opportunity for Objections
Wednesday, Mar. 23	Final Day to Submit Objections
Sunday, Mar. 27	Deacon Appointment