DEACON ORDINATION SERVICE

First Baptist Church – Linn, Missouri

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Prelude
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Scripture Reading 1 Timothy 3:8-13
Introduction of Deacon Candidates
Wyn Kelley, Alan Rhea, Mark Stahlhuth, Keith Schepker
Examination of Deacon Candidates Pastor and Ordination Council
Recommendation of Ordination Council to Congregation

Hymn To the Work #615
Charge to Deacon Candidates Pastor

In order that we may know your mind and purpose, and that you may be strengthened in your resolve to fulfil your ministry, I now ask you to respond to the declarations I now put to you.

Pastor: Do you believe, so far as you know your own hear, that God has called you to the office and work of a deacon in his Church?
Candidates: I believe that God has called me.

Pastor: Do you accept the Holy Scriptures as the authoritative, infallible, inerrant, Word of God that reveals all things necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ?
Candidates: I do so accept them.

Pastor: Do you accept that Christ is Head of this Church, and will you support His church by your attendance and stewardship and prayers to the best of your ability?

Candidates: By the help of God, I will.

Pastor: Will you be diligent in prayer, in reading the Holy Scriptures, and in all studies that will deepen your faith and fit you to uphold the truth of the Gospel against error?
Candidates: By the help of God, I will.

Pastor: Will you strive to fashion your own life and that of your household according to the way of Christ?
Candidates: By the help of God, I will.

Pastor: Will you promote unity, peace, and love among the brethren, and especially among those whom you serve?
Candidates: By the help of God, I will.

Pastor: Will you, in the strength of the Holy Spirit, continually stir up the gift of God that is in you, to make Christ known to all men?
Candidates: By the help of God, I will.

Pastor: Almighty God, who has given you the ability to undetake all these things, give you also the strenth to perform them; that He may complete that work which He has begun in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All: Amen.

Charge to Congregation:

Pastor: Under the leadership of the Holy Spirit we have called and set these men apart to serve as deacons among our congregation. In placing this mantle of responsibility upon these servants, you must commit to supporting them in their ministry. Do you accept this responsibility?
Congregation: We do.

Message: Rev. Phil Rector
Director of Missions, Dixon Baptist Association
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