CHRIST BAPTIST CHURCH

ELDER RECOMMENDATION FORM – 2025

(Please *prayerfully* complete this form)

1.	Person Recommended	(First Name)	(Last Name)	
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2.	Biblical Qualifications:			
	I believe this man meets the Biblical qualifications (see below and on the back), and I am recommending him for service as an Elder. Elder: Good manager of his family; husband of one wife; not self-willed; not quick-tempered; not addicted to wine; not a violent person; not fond of dishonest gain; hospitable; lover of good; sound-minded; righteous, pleasing to God; self-controlled; continually holding fast to the faithful Word; moderate; orderly in all matters; able to teach; reasonable; peaceable; not a lover of money; not a new Christian; possessing a good reputation and testimony outside the church (I Timothy 3:1-7, Titus 1:5-9).			
• I have known this person		years.		
 His occupation/vocation is				
sign this form. Please retur	n completed Recomm	rill be accepted. Husband and wife may both endation Forms near the Connections Desk in		
Ü		ednesday, November 20, 2024. Signature		
		Signature		
Date				

The elders respectfully ask that you please <u>not</u> share with the person you are recommending for service until after the process is completed. Thank you!

Elder Position Description

Qualifications:

The New Testament uses two terms interchangeably that speak to those who lead the local church: Elder and Overseer. The word used most often in the New Testament is Elder.

Elders will be chosen from among the male active members of the Church who meet the qualifications prescribed for their office in Acts 20:28-38, 1 Timothy 3:1-7, Titus 1:5-9, Hebrews 13: 17, and 1 Peter 5:1-4. Once set apart for this office, these men should give evidence of this calling by God upon their lives by striving by God's grace to live and serve in keeping with the requirements set forth in the above-cited biblical passages.

Responsibilities and Authority:

Elders are responsible to seek the mind of Christ through the guidance of the Holy Spirit on the basis of the Word of God as they carry out the work of overseeing the ministry of the Church.

The Biblical responsibilities outlined for the Elders are:

To shepherd the flock of God (Acts 20:28; 1 Timothy 3:5; 1 Peter 5:2)	
To be an example to the flock, not lording it over those allotted to the charge (1 Peter 5:3)	
To teach and exhort, thereby equipping the flock for ministry (Ephesians 4:11-12; 1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:9)	
To refute those who contradict truth (Titus 1:9, 11)	
To manage the Church in their role as overseers (1 Timothy 3:5; 5:17)	
To pray for the sick (James 5:14-15)	

The Elders have the responsibility and authority to give oversight and direction to the affairs of the Church. As shepherds of God's flock, they care for God's people, watch over them, and lead them by example (1 Peter 5:2-3).