

# BOARD MEMBER MINISTRY DESCRIPTION

## INTRODUCTION

The New Testament speaks often of overseers who are entrusted with the spiritual oversight of the local congregation. These individuals are called of God and recognized by the church as specifically gifted and spiritually mature. The role of a Board Member is a holy calling which includes functioning as a spiritual overseer as well as giving guidance and setting policy for ongoing ministries and programs. Following are qualifications, criteria and responsibilities involved with this position of leadership.

## BIBLICAL QUALIFICATIONS

- A. Give both verbal testimony and lifestyle evidence of being born again. (John 3:3)
- B. Demonstrate the fruit of the Spirit in daily life. (Galatians 5:22)
- C. Be a person of honesty and integrity. (Acts 6:3; I Timothy 3:8)
- D. Seek daily to be filled with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:4; 6:3; Ephesians 5:18)
- E. Be a person of wisdom. (Acts 6:3)
- F. Additionally, other qualifications are listed in I Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9; and I Peter 5:1-4

## IMPORTANT CRITERIA

A Board Member will:

- A. Give testimony to a regular daily time of prayer and Bible reading.
- B. Be "growing in the grace and in the knowledge of the Lord." (2 Peter 3:18)
- C. Be submissive to spiritual leadership.
- D. Possess a joyful spirit and optimistic outlook.
- E. Be active in at least one ministry within the church (Board ministry excluded.)
- F. Member in good standing for at least one year.
- G. Believe in and abide by the current standard of membership.
- H. Attend as many public worship services as possible.
- I. Consistently tithe to this local church and give offerings as God leads.
- J. Honor and keep confidences.
- K. Be able to attend Board meetings. These meetings include, but are not limited to a monthly meeting. Other meetings are called by the pastor as the need indicates.

## SPIRITUAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Provide leadership for the church through participation in Board activities and meetings.
- B. Provide leadership for the church through active participation in ministries outside of the Board.
- C. Support the ministries of the church in participation and maintaining a positive attitude.
- D. Pray for the congregation during times of prayer around the altar.
- E. Be prepared to go to a home for special prayer or other ministry at the request of the Senior Pastor. (James 5:14-15)
- F. Participate as requested in Membership Class (teaching and interviewing).
- G. In general, be a good example of a Spirit-filled Christian servant.

## CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. As a member of the Board of this non-profit corporation, you will meet monthly to transact the business of the church.
- B. Fulfill any other corporate responsibilities as listed in the Constitution and By-laws.

# BOARD MEMBER MINISTRY DESCRIPTION (CONTINUED)

## **LENGTH OF TERM**

- A. Three Years.
- B. One year off the Board is required after three consecutive years of service.

## **TO WHOM ACCOUNTABLE**

The membership of this Assembly of God church, Senior Pastor and other Board Members (See Constitution and By-laws).

## **THE LOCAL CHURCH'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. In order to aid the Board Member in being the servant/leader he is intended to be, he can count on the regular prayers of the pastoral staff and congregation. Also, training will be made available as the pastor and Board deem necessary.
- B. Be sure to thoroughly read the Constitution and By-laws for further information regarding the church's government and the role of the Board Members.