

# THE TRUMPETER

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### Sing in the Easter Choir!

Rehearsals begin Wednesday, March 10, 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. The choir will sing at all services on Easter Sunday.



**SVBC Offering  
Goal: \$16,500**

### Deacon Recommendations

Recommendation forms are available in the church office and in Sunday's worship bulletin.

### Questions or Comments:

Please submit in writing by mail or fax to 737-4490. Email is received at [svbc@severnsvalley.org](mailto:svbc@severnsvalley.org).

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## Biblical Qualifications for Deacons

By Bill Langley, Senior Pastor

Certainly, you've heard the saying, "Everything rises or falls on leadership." For that reason, in 1 Timothy 3, the Apostle Paul gives us a picture of what leaders are to look like. In verses 8-13 he specifically lays out the biblical qualifications for those who serve as deacons.

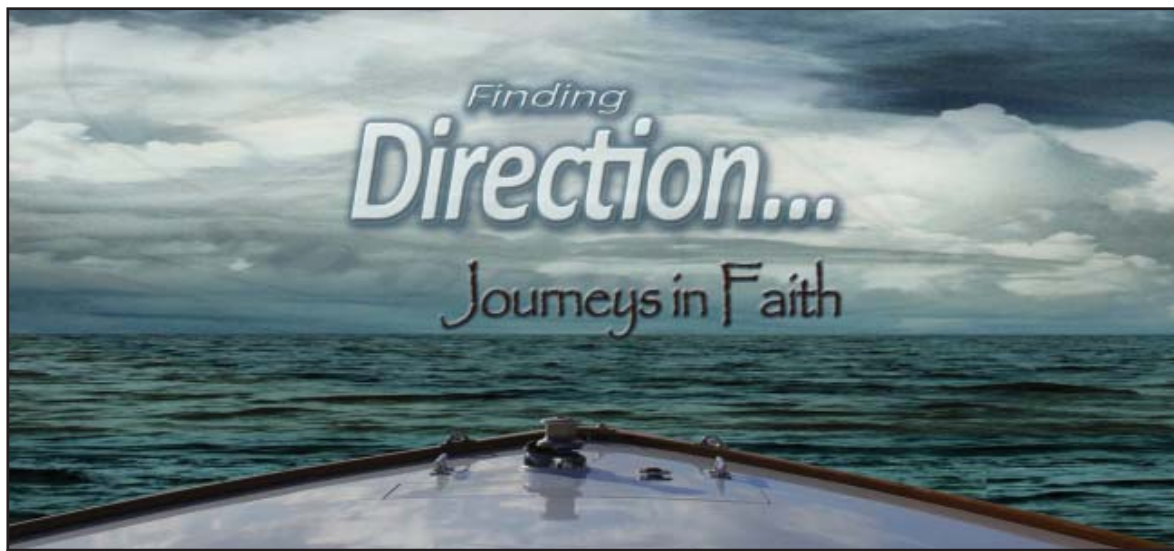
We are currently in the process of adding ten men to our deacon body. These men will replace those who rotate off in August. Before you nominate any man for the office of deacon, please take some time to pray and consider the requirements laid out in Acts 6 and 1 Timothy 3.

Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be "full of the Spirit and wisdom." (Acts 6:3NIV)

Deacons, likewise, are to be men worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons. In the same way, their wives are to be women worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything. A deacon must be the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well. Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus. (1 Timothy 3:8-12NIV)

These brief comments might assist you as you consider the

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### Faith involves risk.

A lot of Christians are not truly living by faith simply because they would rather play it safe. They don't accomplish much because they're not willing to risk much.

Join Pastor Bill Langley this Sunday morning as he continues to lead us through *Journeys in Faith*.

## Find It Here

By Jonathan Carl, Small Groups Pastor  
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*"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'"*  
Romans 10:14-15

March 21 provides us a unique opportunity to reach into our community to connect others to Christ through the sharing of the Gospel and our church family. **Find It Here** is a nation-wide campaign through the North American Mission Board and the state Baptist conventions to try and distribute the message of Christ to every doorstep in America. Television and radio campaigns will complement our efforts as churches in our area strategically partner to cover all of Elizabethtown.



**Door-to-door Gospel Saturation  
Sunday, March 21**

Our church-wide goal is for 100 teams to go out and visit 3,000 households in a door-hanging blitz. Each team will be assigned a neighborhood and be handed bags with a short Gospel presentation, response card, and SVBC-specific Easter invitation. We will meet in the Atrium on Sunday, March 21 at 5:00 p.m. where will begin in prayer and a brief set of instructions before going into our neighborhoods to hang our packets on peoples' doors.

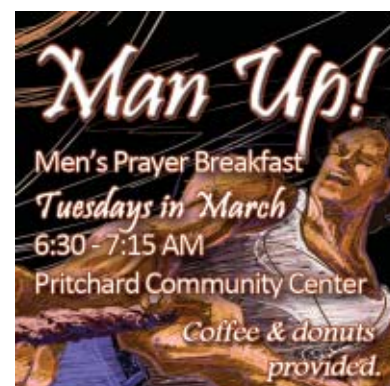
Can you help us deliver the Good News across Elizabethtown and offer an invitation for others to join us for Easter worship? Please don't miss out on this chance to be used by Christ in an incredible, life-changing way!

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## Biblical Qualifications for Deacons (continued from outside)

biblical qualifications for deacons.

- **“full of the Holy Spirit”** (Acts 6:3) These men are to be empty of themselves and full of Jesus. This is the ultimate qualification.
- **“full of... wisdom”** (Acts 6:3) Deacons need wisdom because of the variety of problems and situations that must be dealt with. Wisdom goes beyond knowledge. It’s the ability to look at life from God’s vantage point and have an understanding of His plan of action.
- **“worthy of respect”** (1 Timothy 3:8) There must be nothing in the deacon’s life that would bring disrespect or reproach upon the name of Christ or His church.
- **“sincere”** (3:8) This word literally means “without wax.” It was used by sculptors in the first century who would use wax to fill in the cracks and crevices of the statues they were working on. Sometimes the marble would chip. Instead of scrapping the whole piece of art, they would fill a crack with wax. The place that had



## Donations for Giant Easter Egg Hunt

We are collecting 3-inch (large-size) plastic eggs and individually-wrapped candy for the Giant Easter Egg Hunt on Easter weekend. Our goal is to fill at least 20,000 eggs. Collection bins are located around the facility. Thank you in advance for your donations! The Giant Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 3, at 10:00 a.m. with activities beginning in the Multi-Purpose Room.

wax rather than stone was called “insincere.” It wasn’t real. It was a cover-up. A deacon can’t be that way. What you see on the outside must be what you find on the inside. He is to be sincere through and through.

- **“not indulging in much wine”** (3:8) While you can argue the case that the Bible does not prohibit drinking alcoholic beverages, it certainly prohibits drunkenness. It prohibits being under the influence or the control of alcohol. Alcohol in our culture is something totally different from the alcohol of the day in which Paul lived. In our culture, alcohol epitomizes the world. For that reason, we ask our deacons

to totally abstain from the use of alcohol. We don’t do that to place them under bondage or to be legalistic. We simply ask them to be willing to give up a personal liberty for the sake of the gospel. We do that because of the example our leaders need to set for the children and the young people of this church and community.

- **“not pursuing dishonest gain”** (3:8) When it comes to the way they operate their businesses, pay their taxes, and honor God in the area of tithing, deacons are to be above reproach.
- **“they must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience”** (3:9) Not only do they understand the faith; they live the faith. There’s no inconsistency in what they say they believe and how they behave.
- **“they must first be tested”** (3:10) These men are to be mature Christians, not to be new converts.
- **“In the same way, their wives are to be women worthy of respect, not malicious talkers, but temperate and trustworthy in everything.”** (3:11) The wives of deacons play an important role. You can well imagine the need for a deacon to have his wife with him when he is ministering to the needs, for instance, of a single mother and her children. In a very real sense, the wife of a deacon becomes a part of this servant ministry as well. For that reason, she has to be a woman who is “worthy of respect.” There can be nothing in the life of the deacon’s wife that would bring reproach upon the name of Christ or the church. She must not be a “malicious talker.” She’s go-

ing to be privy to sensitive information from time to time, and she has to learn how to keep that information to herself. In her speech, the wife of a deacon is to build up, not tear down. Then, she is to be “temperate.” She’s under control. Her life is submitted to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Finally, she is to be “trustworthy in everything.” This means she’s faithful, not in a few things, but in everything. She’s faithful to her Lord, her husband, her children, and her church. The other ladies of the church ought to be able to look at the wives of our deacons and see a walking example of godliness.

- **“the husband of but one wife”** (3:12) Literally translated, the deacon is to be a “one-woman man.” He is to be absolutely faithful to his wife. Leadership is built on trust. If a man’s wife can’t trust him, then how could anyone else trust him? God tells us that it’s required of servants that they be found faithful. Faithfulness not only begins, but is ultimately demonstrated in the home.
- **“must manage his children and his household well”** (3:12) He’s not a spirit-crushing tyrant who beats his children into subjection. He is a loving father who trains his children in the ways of the Lord. He encourages his kids and leads by example.

There is a reward for deacons who serve well. *“Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus”* (1 Timothy 3:13).

God is doing great things at Severns Valley. Your prayers and help in the selection of godly men who will serve as deacons is much needed and greatly appreciated.

## Pastor’s Bible Study

### Is Your Faith Working?

Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. in the Atrium

Join Pastor Bill as he teaches from the Book of James. RSVP by Tuesday noon for the 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Supper. AWANA and student ministry meet individually.

## Sunday Night Discipleship

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Groups meet for all ages!

Marriage on the Rock .....	Room 214
Surviving Financial Meltdown .....	Room 212
Here and Now...There and Then (ladies’ study) .....	Room 414
ManCode (men’s study, begins at 5:30 p.m.) .....	Room 411
A Future with Hope (recovery group) .....	Room 217
SLM—Student Life Ministries (grades 7-12) .....	thePLEX
Preschool Performing Arts (age 3-Kindergarten) .....	Room 319
Children’s Performing Arts (grades 1-6) .....	Room 300

## THE TRUMPETER March 9, 2010

### Financial Report February 28

Weekly Budget Needs:  
\$57,368.90

Budget Receipts ..... \$59,561.23  
Miscellaneous Receipts ..... \$16,709.50  
Total Weekly Receipts ..... \$76,270.73

### Continuing to Shape the Future

Capital Campaign  
Pledges to Date:  
\$1,264,341.14

This Week .... 26,155.82  
To Date ..... 690,980.17  
Total ..... \$8,469,945.12

### Sunday Morning Attendance

Worship: 1,527  
Bible Fellowship: 1,071

### Sympathy to...

Richard Baughman in the death of his sister-in-law and Betty Kerr and Linda Owsley in the death of their aunt; Bill Rose in the death of his mother; Linda Bradbury in the death of her mother.

### South Dixie Outreach

There are many ways for you to be involved in this exciting ministry. God is continuing to bless as we serve Him together! This Saturday at 2:00 p.m. meet at Commonwealth Lodge for door-to-door canvassing, and this Sunday beginning at 2:00 p.m. we will load and transport supplies to Commonwealth Lodge for our meeting time at 3:00 p.m. A list of needed supplies is available in the office. If your Bible Fellowship group would like to provide the meal one month, please contact Belinda Berry, belinda@severnsvalley.org.

### Employment

A local company has an opening for a professional receptionist and title clerk. Contact Linda Polley, lpolley@severnsvalley.org.

### Fellowship Supper

\$5 per person  
\$3 per child  
(through grade 6)  
\$15 household limit

### March 10

Beef Pot Roast with  
Vegetables, Green Beans  
Coleslaw, Dessert