September 16, 2024

Dear Resident Member,

We are beginning the annual process of electing Deacons. Men elected this year will serve for 3 years beginning in January 2025.

The Deacon election will be by the church at large. The Deacon Ministry is at its heart a service ministry. It is an important ministry at Lynwood as this is how many families are ministered to during times of need. We encourage you to take time in prayer as you consider the men you will be nominating to serve as Deacons. Your Church Directory is a good source for possible candidates.

For the position of Deacon, each man is asked to commit to a covenant, a copy of which is enclosed. You will also find enclosed a statement of biblical qualifications to serve as Deacon. To be eligible for election, a man must meet these qualifications and be a resident member of Lynwood for one year.

You will also find enclosed a list of men who are ineligible for election due to currently serving as Deacons, or are ineligible for election because they are completing 3 years of continuous service and are rotating off.

The Chairman of Deacons each year will appoint 3 active deacons to serve as a nominating committee for the Deacon election. All names from our church family will be submitted to that nominating committee. The committee will present a slate of names to be voted on by the church at large. The nomination form enclosed allows you to nominate up to 6 men. Each resident member should complete only one nomination form for this Deacon election. All nominations must be in by Sunday, October 20.

Nominations may be done online at <u>lynwood.church</u>, emailed to <u>sclarke@lynwoodbc.org</u> or placed in the offering boxes on Sunday mornings. You may also bring your nomination form to the church office, or return it by mail to:

Lynwood Baptist Church Attention: Susan Clarke 2935 Lynwood Hills Drive Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Thank you and God Bless. Bob Sheets, Chairman of Deacons