



Elder Nominations

Southview is now receiving recommendations for men and women to serve as an Elder. If you would like to nominate someone for this leadership position, please read the description below, then fill out this form and submit it to the church office in person or via email at info@southview.org. Please contact the person you would like to nominate and confirm their willingness to serve. Nominations are accepted at any time.

Who should be an Elder at SCC?

Scripture teaches that each of us has equal standing before God. When it comes to our status as God's children, there are no divisions of ethnicity, social class, or gender (Galatians 3:28). Scripture also teaches that every believer has a spiritual gift (1 Corinthians 12:7). No matter who you are or where you come from, if you are a believer, you are gifted. We celebrate that and want to see every follower of Jesus using their gifts to the fullest.

The role of Elder is a calling, and not everyone is given that calling. As attractive as things like status in the community, popularity, and secular leadership are, they are not the factors that indicate a calling to the role of Elder. Even faithful service and influence in the church, as important as they are, are not enough to indicate someone should be an Elder.

Rather, Scripture gives us a snapshot of the kind of people that should serve as Elders in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9. These passages contain a list of twenty-plus qualities that an ideal Elder would possess. Some of them relate to gifting, some to character, and some to circumstances.

To be honest, the list can be overwhelming, both in number and in the demands it seems to place on Elder candidates. We strive for a balance here: on the one hand, we want this list to be a guiding force in the Elders we nominate. On the other hand, we embrace the fact that none of us is perfect. All members of SCC, including your Elders, are people who stand in need of God's mercy and enablement. We are looking for men and women who are both gifted for and called to this role in the local church.

Having said that, we see the requirements as falling into the three categories below, which we would encourage you to look for in nominating men and women to the role of Elder.

1. **A family life that reflects godly leadership.** The first place an Elder's leadership shows up is in their family.
2. **Individual character that reflects godly leadership.** The quality of an Elder's character should be evident to both those inside the faith and outside.
3. **An ability to understand and share God's Word.** Elders don't have to be public speakers or expert theologians, but they need to be able to state and defend the truth, so leadership decisions are made from a gospel perspective.



Elder Nomination Form

Your name: _____

Name of nominee: _____

Phone of nominee: _____

Email of nominee: _____

Have you contacted the person you are nominating and confirmed their willingness to serve? _____

Why do you feel this person would be a good Elder at SCC?

How have you seen this person demonstrate godly leadership at SCC?

What ministries have they been involved with at SCC or elsewhere, currently or in the past?

What else would you like to share about this person?
