

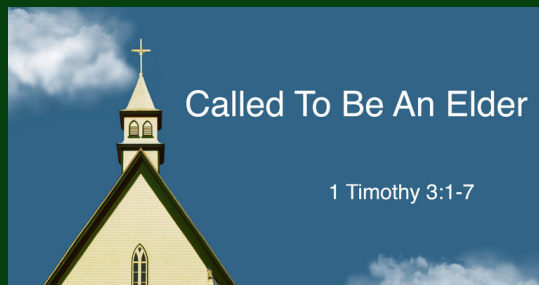
October 18, 2026



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF WATERFORD



Follow along with Pastor Michael's sermon today on page 1052 of the pew bible.



Welcome, we are glad you joined us today!
If you are visiting, we'd love to connect with you. Please visit our connection center and pick up a welcome packet.

Children ages Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to attend Children's Church, which begins after the music. A fully staffed nursery and pre-kindergarten classroom is available throughout the service for infants and toddlers up until Kindergarten. Middle school students have a Bible study the second and fourth Sundays of the month after service in the teen room until noon.

Join us as we seek to become and make disciples who love and serve Jesus Christ.

TODAY:

9:30am | Cafe

10am | Service & Baptism

11:20 am | NT Casket Empty Class

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Prayer Meeting: Mon. | 7:30pm | Online

Men's Bible Study: Tues. | 8pm | Online

WOW Bible Study: Thurs. | 10:30am | JMH



Prefer to tithe online? Use the QR code OR go to the GIVE section on our website

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Happy to celebrate Vergil T. Decker's baptism today!

The Children's Ministry needs at least 6 more workers each Sunday, especially more teachers. Contact Amy Mooradian or Jeanne Reed if you would like to volunteer or have questions.

Interested in Church Membership and/or Baptism? Please contact Pastor Michael for more info.



SERMON NOTES FOR 1 TIMOTHY 3:1-7

OVERVIEW AND KEY THEMES

- A man must meet several qualifications and possess certain character traits before he can be considered and called to be an Elder.
- 1.) He must be “above reproach.”
- 2.) He must be “the husband of one wife.” This idiom denotes marital faithfulness.
- 3.) He must also be “self-controlled,” sensible, respectable, and hospitable.
- 4.) He must be “able to teach.” That is, he has the gift of teaching and has demonstrated it.
- 5.) He cannot be an excessive drinker. Paul emphasizes the importance of moderation.
- 6.) He cannot be a bully, have a bad temper, or be violent. He must be gentle.
- 7.) He cannot be someone who is always looking for a fight. That is, he cannot be quarrelsome. He should be a peacemaker, not someone who causes division, is power-hungry, enjoys starting disagreements, or has personal agendas or vendettas.
- 8.) He cannot be greedy or a lover of money.
- 9.) He manages his own household competently. That is, he loves his family, manages his home, and keeps his children under control.
- 10.) He cannot be a new convert. This is because a new convert has not yet been sufficiently tested.
- 11.) He must have a good reputation with those outside the church.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE CALLED TO BE AN ELDER?

- 1.) A person's character matters more than skill set.
- 2.) Does this person have the gift of teaching, and have they demonstrated it in the church? That is, is this person a minister of the Word and Prayer?
- 3.) Because an Elder is also a Pastor, he should have the gift of shepherding and be able to care for people. That is, an Elder should be able to provide spiritual direction and help people become more like Jesus.
- 4.) A good elder is already a good member of the body of Christ.
- 5.) Ultimately, being an Elder is a calling the Lord places on your heart. Only those who are called can be Elders in the body of Christ.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES FROM THE SERMON

Matthew 19:1-12	Romans 7:1-6	1 Timothy 1:15	1 Peter 4:12-14
Luke 10:25-37	1 Corinthians 7	2 Timothy 3:16-17	