

Synopsis of the process of ordination in the Beaver Creek Association

- 1.) When a man has answered the call to preach, he must first spend no less than one year with his Pastor for instruction and encouragement. When the Pastor feels like the candidate is ready, the Pastor will then refer him to the Beaver Creek Ordaining Council in which he will meet on four different occasions throughout another calendar year.
- 2.) The candidate must attend the first meeting with a letter of recommendation from there Pastor stating that he is ready to begin the process of ordination and that he is in good standing with his church. He is also to bring a separate letter signed by the pastor and treasurer stating that the candidate is a tither.
- 3.) The candidate is given all paper work during the first meeting by the ordaining council to be completed and signed. The documents are as follows:
 - a. Licensee Examination and Personal Information (to the personal effect)
 - b. Licensing Examination (to the doctrinal effect)
 - c. Beaver Creek Document on Moral Purity
 - d. The Doctrine of Apostasy
 - e. Scriptural Qualifications for Leadership

Note: The candidate may complete the above paperwork before the first meeting with the ordaining council if so desired. The Pastor may email the ordaining council clerk to receive all information.

- 4.) During the four meetings with the ordaining council, the candidate will be taught the below topics as a help and instruction to the candidate
 - a. The Call of the Ministry
 - b. The Duties of the Ministry
 - c. The Rewards of the Ministry
 - d. The Responsibilities of the Ministry
- 5.) List of Recommended Books for each candidate
 - a. The Power of the Call, Henry Blackaby
 - b. The Man God Uses, Henry Blackaby and Tom Blackaby
 - c. The Bible Exposition Commentary, Warren Wiersbe
 - d. Thru The Bible, J. Vernon McGee
 - e. Exploring the Bible Series, John Phillips

- f. Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the National Association of Free Will Baptist, Inc.
- g. A CD on the History of Free Will Baptist by Dr. David Crow, which is available through the ordaining council
- h. The Beaver Creek Association and Minister's Conference Constitution and By-laws

6.) Depending on the work that has been done with the candidate's Pastor, the ordaining council may also give assignments and studies on particular topics to help the candidate which may include sermon outlines and papers written.

7.) After the 4 meetings with the candidate, the ordaining council may then recommend to the local church and Pastor, the candidate for ordination.