

Minutes of the Ordination of Brother Ray Jarrell to the Office of Deacon

Tallapoosa Primitive Baptist Church, Carrollton, Georgia
Saturday February 11, 2012

Tallapoosa Primitive Baptist Church of the Lord Jesus Christ in Carrollton, Georgia met for the purpose of ordaining Brother Ray Jarrell to the office of deacon.

After a few hymns were sung, Brother David Torrance led the congregation in prayer.

Elder James Blair invited the elders in the congregation to assemble themselves into a presbytery, and also invited the deacons to come forward.

The Elders assembled and selected Elder James Blair to serve as the moderator and Elder Marty Hoskins as the clerk.

Elder James Blair as moderator then requested the following Elders to perform the duties within the ordination service:

Elder Tommy Patterson was asked to question the Church regarding Brother Jarrell's qualifications.
Elder David Cawthon was asked to question Brother Ray Jarrell.
Elder Loyd Blair was asked to lead in the Ordination Prayer.
Elders Kenneth Watts and James Blair were asked to deliver the ordination charge to Brother Ray.

The Proceedings were as follows:

Elder Tommy Patterson questioned the Church spokesman, Brother John Acree, regarding the character, belief and testimony of Brother Ray Jarrell. Elder Patterson expressed his thanksgiving for Brother Ray and the fact that he was thankful to be here. Brother Tommy inquired of Brother Ray's love for his family, his friends, and the church. Brother Acree affirmed that love and his qualifications and then spoke on that love found in the word of God.

Brother James Blair spoke of Brother Ray's qualifications even before the need for another deacon arose.

The presbytery was satisfied with the responses from the Church.

The candidate was then invited to come forward while Elder David Cawthon questioned Brother Ray Jarrell.

Elder Cawthon expressed his thanksgiving for being here and then questioned Brother Ray by reading each of the Tallapoosa Church's Articles of Faith and asking for Brother Ray's affirmation of those articles. Brother Ray passionately and through tears of joy, affirmed those beliefs. Elder James Blair asked if in other members of the Presbytery had any other questions. Elder Marty Hoskins asked Brother Ray if he was willing to serve the church in the capacity of deacon. Brother Ray affirmed that though he does not feel worthy, he is willing. Brother James Blair asked Brother Ray of his feelings of dependence on the Lord and his grace. Brother Ray acknowledged his dependence on the Lord.

The presbytery was satisfied with all the answers provided by Brother Ray Jarrell.

The presbytery expressed their satisfaction with the qualifications of the candidate and their willingness to lay hands on and ordain him.

Brother Ray then knelt as the presbytery laid hands on him while Elder Loyd Blair led in the ordination prayer for him.

Elder Loyd Blair led the presbytery in the ordination prayer. He prayed for God's blessings on Brother Ray in his service to the church. He prayed that God would bless him in the good times and the difficulties.

Elder James Blair invited Brother Ray's wife, Sister Geraldine, to be seated with her husband as he was being charged.

Elder Kenneth Watts spoke kindly of the demonstrated love between Brother Ray and his wife. He charged them both that they stand together. Brother Kenneth charged Brother Ray that he is not responsible for oversight of the pulpit. Brother Kenneth read from 1st Timothy regarding the qualifications of an elder and of deacons. Brother Kenneth charged Brother Ray that he will be in a unique position to be a peacemaker in the church. He charged him to stand strong in that peace. He encouraged Brother Ray to be an asset to his pastor and to inform him and the other deacons when he sees a need.

Brother James Blair took the stand and expressed how thankful he is to see God meet the needs when they arise. Brother James referenced Acts 6 and spoke about how God sees the need and meets. He warned Brother Ray that God's people are a murmuring people and that this is the people that he will serve. Brother James encouraged Brother Ray to know and follow God's Spirit in serving the church in the capacity of a deacon. Brother James, as a loving pastor, charged Brother Ray that he would need to exercise that faith that God had given him to have the wisdom to execute his office well. Brother James also warned Brother Ray that as an officer of the church, he would now be more of a target from the attacks of Satan and those that hate the church. He charged Brother Ray to prove God by living by faith in the little things that he might be able to stand when the giants come. Brother James charged Brother Ray to be a man of prayer. Brother James closed his charge by reminding Brother Ray that though he is serving a murmuring people, God is the one that provides. Brother James also reminded the Church that they should support their deacons in prayer, physically, and financially.

The presbytery then expressed their satisfaction with the ordination of this brother to the office of deacon.

Brother John Acree, as spokesman for Tallapoosa Church, indicated that Tallapoosa Church was satisfied with the work of the presbytery.

The minutes were read. After a motion and second was received, the presbytery voted to accept the minutes and to dissolve the presbytery.

Brother Ray Jarrell was delivered to the Tallapoosa Church a fully ordained deacon.

The congregation then stood to sing praises to God as they encouraged and shook hands with the newly ordained deacon and his wife.

Humbly submitted in Christ's love,
Elder James Blair, Moderator
Elder Marty Hoskins, Clerk

The presbytery was composed of ministers:
Elder James Blair
Elder Kenneth Watts
Elder Kirby Patterson
Elder Marty Hoskins
Elder Loyd Blair
Elder Tommy Patterson
Elder David Cawthon

Deacons present:
Brother Jerry Lambert
Brother John Acree
Brother David Torrance