

Deacon Candidate Profile

X I am a member of Oakwood Community Church and have read and agree with the Church Constitution

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Birthdate: 4/15/1961 Marital Status: Married



How long have you walked with the Lord? 50+ Years Have you been baptized by immersion? Yes

What areas of ministries at Oakwood Community Church have you served in?

Multiple plays and skits; usher; teacher; youth group sponsor; landscape and light construction of existing building; green team; clean team; events team; S.O.S.; Awana; Treehouse

Briefly give your testimony:

Like many people, I grew up going to church on Sundays and had a belief in God but felt there was something deeper than what I was experiencing. While Julie and I were still dating she told me how important it was for her that we find a place to worship together and of course, I took her to the church that I grew up in. After the service she asked me to quote one sentence from the preacher's sermon, I could not even come up with one word, lesson learned. The next week we found Oakwood and I began to trade in my religion for a relationship. We have been at Oakwood for almost 38 years now and over this time my love for Jesus has grown because of the awesome

examples of His love demonstrated by so many in my church family, Pastor Bob Service, my wife Julie, Pastor Don Jackson (P.D.), and Jim Bongiorno just to name a few. I've had a relationship with Jesus for many years now and I am still learning and growing in my love for Him and I simply want to be more like Him in all that I think, say, and do.

Describe your devotion/prayer life:

My Bible is tattered and torn, my daily thankfulness journal is a small library of decades of the things I've been blessed with and I not only pray every day but have learned to pray on the spot when asked to and I don't care where I am or who hears me.

What pastors, teachers, or books have influenced your Christian walk? Max Lucado; The book "Love You Forever"

Please underline your spiritual gifts according to Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 12:28, Ephesians 4:11, 1 Peter 4:9-10

- Encouragement Giving Leadership Mercy Wisdom
- Knowledge Faith Healing Miracles Prophecy Discernment
 - Tongues Interpretation Apostle Teacher Helps
 - Administration Evangelism Shepherding <u>Hospitality</u>

Please list any Christian Education, Workshops, Seminars, Counseling Classes, Retreats or Training Classes that you have attended:

Marriage Retreat; Workshop at Five Points; Promise Keepers; Small Groups; Men's Bible Study at Oakwood

Is there anything else that you would like to tell us? Perhaps you would like to discuss a circumstance in your life that equipped you to minister to others?

I really enjoy working with children, working with landscape, and serving where needed.

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Jared Ross 5932 Sinroll Rd Ortonville, MI 48462

Email: jared@excelcleaningbros.com Birthdate: 06/15/1992

Marital Status: Married



How long have you walked with the Lord? 16 years Have you been baptized by immersion? Yes

What areas of ministries at Oakwood Community Church have you served in?

Childcare Toddler Room, Student Ministries Group Leader, Small Group Leader

Briefly give your testimony:

I was raised in a good Christian family and went to Faith Baptist School. I was at school camp when I was challenged to make Jesus the Lord of my life. I realized then that Jesus was the only one really worth living for. It wasn't until later that I realized that was the defining moment of my salvation. I gave Jesus control of my life and made the decision to live for Him and to serve Him. I am now married with 4 beautiful kids. I pray every day that they will grow up to love Jesus and to live for Him. I am still a work in progress and I am often distracted with my busy schedule. But I know what my true mission is and I believe serving at Oakwood as a Deacon would be a step of faith that I believe God is leading me to.

Describe your devotion/prayer life:

I listen to the Bible at work or while driving as well as other Christian audio books and sermons. I don't often get time alone with the Lord so I talk to Him while I work.

What pastors, teachers, or books have influenced your Christian walk?

My youth pastor, Dan Wells was a big influence in my life as a teenager. Francis Chan's teaching has transformed the way I view Christianity and what it means to follow Christ.

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Faith Baptist School in Davison. Two semesters of Bible teaching at Walkright Baptist Bible College (camp Cobeac). Youth Leader training Seminar at The Wilds.

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I led some of the Children's Ministries and Youth Group at my previous church, Bible Baptist in Burton.

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Mark Weber 3905 E Street Oxford, MI 48371

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Birthdate: 06-19-1956 Marital Status: Married



How long have you walked with the Lord? From a young age Have you been baptized by immersion? Yes, at 16 years old

What areas of ministries at Oakwood Community Church have you served in?

Hospitality and a variety of tasks at the church for PD

Briefly give your testimony:

I was raised in a Christian family and believed in Jesus at a young age. I walked with the Lord until my early 20's when I could not seem to find my way. It was then I walked away from the way I knew and was not dedicated for many, many years. About six years ago, the Holy Spirit and His long suffering finally did His work in my heart. Life is so much better now.

Describe your devotion/prayer life:

My Bible study habits are up and down. I'm working through the Bible in A Year but falling behind. I do watch a lot of Bible and testimony content. My prayer life is consistent and I talk to God as I would any friend throughout the day.

What pastors, teachers, or books have influenced your Christian walk?

Ron Krantz, Years ago I listened to a YouTuber, Mike Winger who is a good and humble teacher. I watch many online creators but with a discerning spirit.

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A few Oakwood Equipping Groups; Band of Brother's Men's retreat for the last two years

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We all know we learn a lot from our failures. So, with that in mind I have learned a lot. I would caution young people if they were struggling to not give up but, ask for guidance. Don't do as I did and waste years of my life not walking with Christ. Now that I have found my way the reward is great and wonderful. Trying to be the person Christ wants me to be is "The peace that surpasses all understanding" Philippians 4:7

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