

Article II CHURCH OFFICERS

Section 7. Church Council

The government of the church is vested solely in the body of the members who compose it. It is subject to the control of no other ecclesiastical body.

To allow continuity of scheduling and focus on church goals and to coordinate activities for the church body, the Church Council shall meet at least quarterly with the persons listed below as members. The council may make recommendations to the deacons, the church, and the various organizations and committees. The moderator shall serve as the chairman of the Church Council. In the absence of the moderator, the chair of the deacon body shall preside. The term of service of the moderator shall be one year with no more than three consecutive terms. The moderator shall be elected annually after nomination from the Nominating Committee. Elections shall be held at a designated monthly business meeting with election by majority vote of all members of the church who are present and entitled to vote. If a vacancy should occur during a term, the Nominating Committee shall nominate a replacement for immediate election.

Members of this council shall be:

- Pastor
- Other Ministerial Staff
- Moderator (Chairman)
- Chair, Deacon Body
- Representatives of Preschool, Children, Youth, University, WMU and Baptist Men (The terms of service for representatives shall be one year with no consecutive terms. Representatives shall be elected annually after nomination from the Nominating Committee. Elections shall be held at a designated monthly business meeting with election by majority vote of all members of the church who are present and entitled to vote. If a vacancy should occur during the term, the Nominating Committee shall nominate a replacement for immediate election.)
- Chairpersons or representatives of Personnel, Stewardship, and Properties Committees