

Elder Candidate Questionnaire

Please return a hard copy or an electronic copy to kent@oswegochristian.com.

All responses will be for the eyes of the Board of Elders only. Please complete this questionnaire independently of your spouse. Please be complete in your answers, but do not feel the need to write extensively or even in complete sentences. We are looking for the heart of your answers, not the length.

Thank you for your willingness to serve the congregation of Oswego Christian Church (OCC). If you have any questions or concerns while completing this questionnaire, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the elder board.

(Attach additional paper as needed to complete questions.)

Personal Information:

Your Name:

Birth Date:

Spouse's Name:

Children's Names:

Ages:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Address:

City:

Zip Code:

Mobile Phone:
(Home Phone):

Occupation:

Email:

Employer:

Work Experience:

Other Related Experience: (include any volunteer work that involved leadership, administration, teaching, serving on a board, supporting others, or other work – please be specific):

Personal Relationship With God:

1. How long have you had the assurance that Christ is your Lord and Savior?

What date were you immersed in baptism? _____

2. Describe your personal testimony of how you became a Christian, please include the date you were baptized:

3. Describe your present relationship with the Lord:

4. What place does prayer have in your life

5. What is God currently teaching you in your walk with Him, and where have you been in awe of Him recently?

6. What would you say are your greatest areas of spiritual struggle currently?

7. What activities are you currently involved with at OCC (and other volunteer organizations) and how regularly?

8. Give a brief history of the ministries you've been involved with at OCC (and other churches prior to OCC), including approximate start and stop dates:

Suitability for Eldership:

9. What would motivate you to offer your services as an elder?
10. What is your perspective on the direction OCC is taking? What is your vision for the church?
11. As a Restoration Movement Christian Churches we value the following:
- We value the authority of God's Word
"Where the Scriptures speak, we speak; where the Scriptures are silent, we are silent."
 - We value the unity of the body of Christ
"In essentials, unity; in opinions, liberty; in all things love."
 - We value Christian community
"We are Christians only, but not the only Christians."

To what extent do you agree with:

- a) the values of the Restoration movement that OCC is associated with and embraces
- b) our unique vision for OCC to take the gospel to the sticks and our mission to help people find their way back home to God, one person at a time
(<http://www.oswegochristian.com/our-mission-vision/>)
- c) the OCC [statement of faith](http://www.oswegochristian.com/online-resources/#believe) (<http://www.oswegochristian.com/online-resources/#believe>)?

What are your reservations, if any?

12. What is your view of the authority of the Scriptures? How is this reflected in your life currently?

13. What is your view of spiritual warfare? How is this reflected in your life currently?

14. What is your view of the work of the Holy Spirit? How is this reflected in your life currently?

15. If married, is your wife wholeheartedly supportive toward the ministry and direction of OCC and your potential role as an elder

16. State what you consider to be the most important function(s) of elders in the church (2 roles):

17. How do you see yourself supporting the above mentioned functions?

18. What spiritual gifts would you bring to be used in your capacity as an elder?

19. How have these gifts been expressed in your life?

20. What skills, abilities and experience would you bring?

21. Biblical Qualifications for Elders:

[1 Timothy 3:2-7](#) and [Titus 1:6-9](#) are key passages that outline the scriptural qualifications for elders.

While there is not one of us who is blameless, the conduct and character of an elder is of key importance. The qualifications can be summarized as:

- A Good Reputation
- Godly Values
- A Loving Heart
- Maturity in the Faith
- A Healthy Home
- Ability to Teach
- Self Control

Given the biblical mandate regarding the moral conduct and character of its elders, is there anything in your lifestyle that would contravene these statements?

Give two or three examples of how the Biblical qualifications for eldership are reflected in your life currently.

22. What is your understanding of the governance model of OCC and, how do you see yourself working within it?

23. Are you sacrificially giving to the ministry at OCC? If not, please explain why.

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this questionnaire, we realize how substantial it is and hope that it helps you realize how seriously the elders of OCC take the role of eldership. We are praying for you and your family as you consider this important decision.

Finally, we would like to extend to you the opportunity to detail any questions you might have for the eldership?