

ORDINATION AFFIRMATION SERVICE

COLUMBUS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Darrel (one of the church elders): Gave a brief explanation of the process the church used to come to this particular point. *(Then Darrel asked Pastor Dan to join him on the platform.)*

Then Darrel addresses Pastor Dan and states:

Dan, having repented of sin and having put your faith in Jesus Christ;
Having been baptized by immersion in water and made a member of this local church;
Having faithfully served for nearly six years here at Columbus First Baptist Church;
Having prayed, studied, read, and grown in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus;

Then, in the light of these scriptures, will you now promise the following:

- Hebrews 13:7
 - To lead a life worthy of emulation,
- Hebrews 13:17
 - To joyfully watch over the souls of this flock as one who will give an accounting for each of them to God,
- James 3:1
 - To always preach with the Day of God's Strict Judgment for Teachers in mind,
- James 5:13
 - To pray believingly for the sick,
- 1 Peter 5:1
 - To shepherd God's flock allotted to you willingly, eagerly, seeking to model first what you ask of them,
- Acts 20:17
 - To serve the Lord with joy and tears
 - To resist every temptation to shrink back from declaring the whole Gospel (whether in the privacy of someone's home or the public square),
 - To preach repentance and faith in Christ alone,
 - To willingly accept suffering, should God call you thusly,
 - To value the calling and Gospel of Jesus Christ above your own life,
 - To guard the church as the blood-bought possession of Jesus Christ, and thus to care for her as His most valuable possession,
 - To stay alert at your post, even willing to rebuke fellow elders who preach or teach any doctrine not found in God's Word,
 - To live as if, "it is more blessed to give than to receive."
- 1 Corinthians 14:29
 - To carefully weigh the words of the preached Word,
- 2 Corinthians 11-12
 - To willingly suffer for Jesus' sake: hardship, physical torture, betrayal, inconvenience, exposure, disappointment, persecution, sovereign weakening's, calamities and daily pressure of concern for the church.
- 1 Timothy 4:6
 - To value the Word of God over an argument won,
 - To train yourself for godliness,
 - To labor and strive with persistence in the work of your ministry more than any before you, giving God all the glory for any success.
 - To address men's lives as well as minds; calling others to follow your personal growth in godliness and sanctification,
 - To keep close watch on your life and your doctrine.
- 1 Timothy 6

- To pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, and gentleness
- To never quit, give up, swerve from or shrink back in your effort to fulfill your ministry.
- To despise the allure of riches in this world and live for the eternal wealth of Christ's presence in heaven.
- To guard the sacred deposit entrusted to your care.
- Titus 2
 - To teach the Truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in such a way that old men, old women, young men, young women, and children will understand how to adorn the Gospel of Jesus Christ with good works.
 - To value Jesus above your wife, your children, your church, your ministry, your knowledge, yourself, and anything else in this world.
 - To speak to God's people with gentle authority
 - To be zealous for good works
- 2 Timothy
 - To not be ashamed of the Gospel or the Savior, regardless of the audience
 - To flee youthful sins and run toward being a man who handles the Word of Truth accurately
 - To correct with gentleness, not quarrelsomeness
 - To preach the Word of God; in season and out of season, reproving, rebuking, and exhorting with complete patience and teaching.
 - To entrust your soul to the Faithful Creator no matter the blessing, the trial or persecution.

Then turning to the congregation, Darrel stated:

Will the members of the church please stand? (Have commitments below printed in the bulletin)

In the light of several Scriptures including those found in 1 Timothy 5 and Hebrews 13:17

Do you, the members of Columbus First Baptist Church, acknowledge and publicly receive this man as your pastor, as a gift of Christ to this church?

We do, God helping us

Will you love him and pray for him in this ministry, and work together with him humbly and cheerfully, that by the grace of God you may accomplish the mission of the church, giving him all due honor and support in his leadership to which the Lord has called him, to the glory and honor of God?

We will, God helping us.

Then turning to Pastor Dan, Darrel stated:

If, in the sight of God and these witnesses you do now set your heart to make this pledge, promising that when you fail you will seek both forgiveness and restoration as soon as is possible, then I call upon you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom to answer, "I do, God helping me."

Pastor Dan Responded: **I do, God helping me.**

Then turning to the congregation, Darrel asked, "Will Pastor Mark Elliott and the Elders please join us?"
(*Pastor Dan knelt in the midst The Elders and Pastor Mark Elliott who laid their hands on him*)

Darrel then stated:

Dan, because we believe the Holy Spirit has gifted you to this ministry and made you a gift to this church and trust that we have not acted in haste, but in prayerful dependence on Christ. Therefore, it is our joy as the council of elders of this local church to lay hands on you and call upon God Himself to seal you to this ministry for your life and for His glory. Amen

Then Darrel stated: "Pastor Mark, will you lead us in prayer?"

An appropriate hymn of joy was sung.