

ORDINATION SERVICE OF GARY LANIER - July 9, 1995

*Bill*  
As ordained deacons, we, Weldon James, Bill Herron, and Foster McLain open this service to the ordination of Gary Lanier to the Ministry of the Gospel.

*Weldon*  
In that we are a council of deacons, having served before in this office in other Baptist Churches, we would like to represent Regional Baptist Church in examining Gary by asking him to respond to any statements or questions prepared or otherwise.

*Foster*  
Then, present him to you for approval as a licensed and ordained Minister of the Gospel, set apart to minister under the guidance of the Holy Spirit the responsibilities of his calling.

Let us begin.

*Foster* 1) Gary, would you share with us when and how you became a Christian?

*Bill* 2) What does salvation mean to you?

*Weldon* 3) Tell us how God called you into full time Christian service?

*Foster* 4) Give us an overview as to who the Trinity is and the function of the Trinity.

*Bill* 5) Assuming you believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God, why do you believe it and what does inspired mean to you?

*Weldon* 6) What are some of your favorite scriptures?

*Foster* 7) What is your vision for Regional Baptist Church, short term and long term?

*Bill* 8) What do you see as your ministry in seeing this vision fulfilled?

*Weldon* 9) What is the most important thing in life to you?

After examining Gary and considering his response to our statements and questions; but more than that, after seeing that his life truly reflects a strong faith and Christian love as a result of his relationship with God, we here by present him to Regional Baptist Church for your approval as an ordained Minister of the Gospel.

*Bill* If you approve, let it be know by saying, "Amen".

*Foster*  
~~Gary~~ Gary, we hereby declare to the world that Regional Baptist Church acknowledges you as a licensed, ordained Minister of the Gospel with full privileges and responsibilities as presented in God's Holy Word, the Bible.

*Weldon* Will you please kneel as the deacon council and other members that feel led lay hands on you in an act of faith as we pray for you and speak words of encouragement as the Spirit leads.