



Candidate Name: Bob Dettmer

Personal Information: My name is Bob Dettmer, and my wife Kristin and I have been attending SSEFC for 18 years. I met my wife at Wheaton College, and this summer, we will celebrate 36 years of marriage. Our four children are 28 years old and work in different fields: education, physical therapy, engineering, and finance. Two of our children are married, and we have 1 grandchild (Aaron) who will be 2 in November. I teach English at Eastview High School and oversee the chess team and Poetry out Loud.

Personal Testimony: I accepted Christ as my savior at AWANA when I was 8 years old, and my faith was then nurtured by Christian parents, an active youth group, and a Christian high school. When I left home for college, I made a deliberate choice to follow Christ and to strengthen my commitment through Bible studies, accountability partners, church attendance, and a short-term mission's trip. It became very clear that even though I was raised in a Christian home, I needed to make my faith my own and not something for my parents or anyone else. I am constantly reminded of my sin and my need for a Savior. Christ was born, died, and rose again so that I could be saved from my sin. God's grace and forgiveness are fresh and new each day, and one day I will live with him forever in heaven.

Why I desire to be an Elder: Becoming an Elder was never a position that I sought, but I am humbled and honored to serve. I take seriously the responsibilities that come with the position.

Spiritual Gifts: God has gifted me with the ability to teach, lead, encourage, and show compassion.

SSEFC Ministries: While at SSEFC, I have served in the following ways: music team, high school small group leader, Rosebud volunteer, ABF teacher/coordinator, elder, life group facilitator, and VBS teacher. I enjoy serving the Lord and look forward to future opportunities to serve the body and Him.