

Walker Farms of Olin made a pumpkin "patch" for our preschoolers on the church lawn on October 22, 2020. Each student got to "pick" a pumpkin to take home.



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From the Pastor...

I'm excited about the election. No, not THAT election. I'm glad the constant political bombardment of the national election is over. I'm talking about our deacon election, which will happen this Sunday, November 8, 2020.

I'm excited to have sixteen well qualified people on the ballot. They are all winners in my book, because they are each willing to serve. I appreciate all of them and their dedication to First Baptist Church. Each and every one has much to offer.

Having sixteen candidates to fill three slots means we have over five nominees per position. I don't believe we've ever had such a wide choice. On top of the sheer number, we also have a broad diversity in age, gender and time in our congregation. Our leadership pool is both deep and wide.

COVID has created some real challenges for our congregation, but it has also given us a few opportunities. The deacon election is one such example. Usually we have a general orientation meeting for deacon nominees. Since that wasn't possible, I had the pleasure of phoning each person you nominated.

Calling your nominees gave me an occasion to speak with fifty-five church leaders about their potential leadership. Of course, not all were able to say yes, but each one seriously considered the process. All were deeply honored and a few were pleasantly surprised to be nominated.

It was encouraging to hear the passion people have for our ministry. As folks reflected on this honor, several committed to increase their service to the church – regardless of the election results. One candidate said, "This is a real wake-up call to know that my church wants and needs me. It makes me want to do more."

I look forward to working with those the church elects to the Deacon Ministry Team. I also look forward to working with our other nominees as they find other ways to serve. In fact, I've asked the Leadership Development Team to pay attention to those you nominated and find avenues of service for each of these folks.

Find a short bio of each Deacon Ministry Team nominee on page 3.

This doesn't just go for our deacon nominees. If you are reading this article, you have interest in our ministries and we have interest in you. Every member of our congregation is a minister. We call it the Priesthood of the Believer. You are vital to the success of our ministry and I thank you all for the many ways you support God's work.

Schedule

Sunday, November 8

Deacon Election

7:00 a.m. Sunday School Lesson

Uploaded to YouTube

9:00 a.m. Sunday School - FLC & Zoom

10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, November 9

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

7:00 p.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, November 11

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

9:30 a.m. Precept Bible Study

12:00 p.m. Virtual Bible Study - Zoom

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening To-Go Meal

Menu: chicken pot pie, roasted potatoes, mixed veggies & brownies

Thursday, November 12

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, November 15

7:00 a.m. Sunday School Lesson

Uploaded to YouTube

9:00 a.m. Sunday School - FLC & Zoom

10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, November 16

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

7:00 p.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, November 18

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

9:30 a.m. Precept Bible Study

12:00 p.m. Virtual Bible Study - Zoom

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening To-Go Meals

Menu: pot roast, mashed potatoes, roasted corn and red pepper, & chocolate chip cookies

Thursday, November 19

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of October 25 & November 1, 2020

	10/25	11/1
In-Person	.62	.88
Live Stream Views	.35	.39

Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....Senior Minister
 Mr. James Martin.....Minister of Music & Worship
 Rev. Melissa Wilson.....Minister of Children & Youth
 Mrs. Elizabeth Kilby.....Minister of Young Families & Missions
 Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....Accompanist / Music Assistant

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A Prayer for America

As I am writing this the election has not yet taken place, but when you read it, it will hopefully be over. No matter who we voted for, we must remember that, as Christians, God is our sovereign, and it is our duty to accept those He allows to take office and to pray for them.

Dr. Robert Jeffress, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, has written a prayer for America that all can pray, regardless of party affiliation.

Heavenly Father, Psalm 33:12 declares, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." I realize that You are not a respecter of people or nations. Any country that reverences You will be blessed by You. I pray for spiritual and emotional healing for America. I ask that You give the president, vice president, the cabinet, Congress, the courts, and federal agencies the wisdom and courage they need to lead our country wisely. Remind them that they work for the American people and that they will one day answer to You. For You are the ultimate Ruler and Judge. I pray this in Your name, Lord Jesus. Amen.

I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.

- 1 Timothy 2:1-2

His servant and your friend,
 Ginny Stikeleather



Financial Statistics

	October	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	69,097.00	69,097.00
Budget Receipts	41,387.00	41,387.00
Needed to Meet Goals	27,170.00	27,710.00
Alms	210.00	210.00
Designated	1,177.00	1,177.00

Deacon Ministry Team Nominees

Vote: Sunday, November 8, 2020



Crystal Beale

Date joined: October 24, 2004
Crystal is a member of the Sanctuary Choir and is a member of the Crosswalk Sunday School Class. Crystal has served as a deacon in previous years.



Bob Cashion

Date joined: April 2, 2000
Before the Covid pandemic, Bob would often lend a hand to our ushers on Sunday mornings. Bob has served as a deacon in previous years.



Don Daniel

Date joined: November 10, 1963
Don and his wife, Kaye, lead our Homebound Ministry. The Daniels are members of the Pioneer Sunday School class. Don has served as a deacon in previous years.



Ben Faulkenberry

Date joined: April 21, 2019
Ben is an Assistant District Attorney for Catawba County. He and his wife, Allison, have two children and are members of the Adventurers Sunday School Class.



Art Fincannon

Date joined: August 9, 1981
Art chaired the Audio Committee and is a former member of the Nominating Committee. Art and his wife, Lori, are members of the Emanons Sunday School Class.



Holly Hinceman

Date joined: October 16, 2016
Holly is a faithful member of the Sanctuary Choir. She and her husband, Eric, went on the Belize mission trip in July 2019. She has two young children.



Judy Horney

Date joined: June 28, 1987
For many years, Judy served as chair of the Special Events Committee and currently serves on the Personnel Team. She has served as a deacon in previous years.



Jeri Koontz

Date joined: October 22, 1995
Jeri and husband, Steve, are members of the Horizons Sunday School Class. Jeri volunteers for our Wonderful Wednesdays Program, and helps decorate tables for our special events.



Ken Marsh

Date joined: September 15, 1991
Ken and his wife, Laura, are active members of the Horizons Sunday School Class with Ken as one of the teachers. He is also part of our Safety Team.



Mike McLain

Date joined: February 3, 1974
Mike serves as the chair of the Business Management Team. Mike and his wife, Janet, are members of the Crosswalk Sunday School Class. Mike has served as a deacon in the past.



Neill Pardue

Date joined: March 4, 1990
You can find Neill working behind the scenes making repairs or cooking for our picnics. He also teaches the preschool Sunday School class. Neill has served as a deacon in previous years.



Marc Poole

Date joined: January 16, 1977
Marc ushers on Sunday mornings. Each December, he helps arrange the food boxes at our White Christmas celebration. Marc is a member of the Seekers Sunday School Class.



Butch Price

Date joined: February 18, 1973
Butch serves as head usher on Sunday mornings. He and his wife, Eleanor, attend the Pioneer Sunday School Class. Butch has taught Sunday School and served on the Personnel Committee.



Josh Snow

Date joined: March 10, 2019
Josh is the Chief Executive Officer of Davis Regional Medical Center. He and his wife, Summer, have three children and are members of the Adventurers Sunday School Class.



Jeff Templeton

Date joined: November 20, 1983
Jeff and his wife, Paulette, are members of the Horizons Sunday School Class and Jeff is one of the teachers. Jeff has served as Deacon Chair in previous years. He and Paulette are regular pickle ball players.



Alan Williams

Date joined: May 11, 1980
Alan sings in the Sanctuary Choir and plays the hand bells. He served on the Children's Minister Search Team, and is a member of the Crosswalk Sunday School Class.



**A Note from Minister of Young Families & Missions
Elizabeth Kilby**

It has turned November and we have switched our hearts and minds from Halloween and hiding our identities to Christmas and the hustle and bustle. I love this season and will be the first to admit I will have my Christmas tree up earlier this year than in years past. I also have to be very mindful of not rushing the process along and enjoy the cold and dark evenings gathered with a few friends and family. We are still accepting volunteers and shoppers for White Christmas, so please continue to sign up, give, and pray for that ministry on Saturday, December 5. We will also be coming out with a family Advent Devotional on Sunday, November 29. I pray you are able to take time during this season to slow down and focus on Jesus even more with your family and loved ones.

Remember that through whatever life throws us, God created us for intentional relationships with one another. Relationships that are deep and weather the storms of life. Relationships that as Andy Stanley says "muddle in the messes" with one another. It is from these relationships that we weather our deepest lows and celebrate our greatest joys. They don't just happen. You have to cultivate community and be real with the people around you. Put away those masks from Halloween and grow some roots within your friends and family this season. May this season your heart can grow two sizes and your love for those around you become more apparent than ever.

Many thoughts and prayers,
Elizabeth



White Christmas

December 5th, 2020



Interested in volunteering or shopping?
Sign up at www.statesvillefbc.org/missions

Announcements

Deacon Election

The vote will be Sunday, November 8. You may vote in the worship service or drop off your ballot on Sunday, November 8, 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. Deacons will be at the Adams Hall entrance to collect ballots. You may vote for three (3) of the following candidates: Crystal Beale, Bob Cashion, Don Daniel, Ben Faulkenberry, Art Fincannon, Holly Hinceman, Judy Horney, Jeri Koontz, Ken Marsh, Mike McLain, Neill Pardue, Marc Poole, Butch Price, Josh Snow, Jeff Templeton, & Alan Williams.

**Thanksgiving Meals By
JD's Market & Deli**

JD's, our Wednesday Night Meal caterer, is offering Thanksgiving meals delivered to your door on Wednesday, November 25. The menu includes roasted turkey breast, homemade stuffing/dressing, scratch mashed potatoes & gravy, green bean casserole, cranberry sauce, and a gallon of sweet tea. All you have to do is warm it up! Dinner for 4 is \$50.00 plus tax and dinner for 10 is \$125.00 plus tax. Place your order directly with JD. Call 704-489-7599 or e-mail jay@jdsmarketanddeli.com before Friday, November 20 at 5:00 p.m.

**White Christmas
Saturday, December 5, 2020**

If you would like to shop for a child or volunteer on December 5, you may sign up at www.statesvillefbc.org/missions, by calling the church office at 704-873-7231, or by e-mailing Christine at christine@statesvillefbc.org.