



**FIRST
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

WILMINGTON, NC

2026

NOMINATING COMMITTEE & DEACON ELECTION TEAM REPORT

December 2025





In accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws, listed below are the Nominating Committee's nominees for the various offices and standing committees and for the Leadership Council.

Report of the Nominating Committee First Baptist Church, Wilmington

Mike Chenault, Daniel Cropper, Margaret Kotz, Teale Leiner, Jo McCall, Margo Miers, Andy Motley, Cathie Pittman, Courtney Thomas, Donna Walden, and Jessica Williams. **Chair: Deborah Phillips**

NOMINEES FOR OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH

Church Clerk	Janet Nelson	'26
Treasurer	Mike Kincaid	'26
Assist. Treasurer	Marvin Green	'26
Assist. Treasurer	Jim Phillips	'26
Assist. Treasurer	Marc Gilson	'26
Assist. Treasurer	Laura Abrams	'26
Secretary of Corp	Jim Phillips	'26
Historian	Deak Walden	'26

NOMINEES FOR STANDING COMMITTEES

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Cathie Pittman	'26
Ron Braswell	'27
Neal Huggins	'28

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Tammy Blizzard	'26
Mike Kincaid	'26
Bruce Lennon	'26
Mary Claire Barnhill	'27
Tom Jones	'27
Tyler Thomas	'27
Lewis Deans	'28
Phil Marion	'28
Brooke Sumner	'28

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Ann Barkley	'26
Katie Evans	'26
Hannah Cropper	'27
Joe Capell	'27
Linda Collins	'28
Rick Miley	'28

MISSIONS AND MINISTRY

Mary Margaret Brooks	'26
Rebecca Gilson	'26
Becky Linn	'26
Denise Woodson	'26
Jeff Barnhill	'27
Lisa Bertini	'27
Warren Garrison	'27
Blair Highsmith	'27
Chris Seng	'27
Jeff Brunsink	'28
Mary Ann Gallo	'28
Jeff Holcomb	'28
Verne Seaton	'28
Mary Beth Strickland	'28

PERSONNEL

Shawn Evans	'26
Bob Thornton	'26
Richard Wynne	'26
Mike Cockerham	'27
Margaret Lopatka	'27
Mary Beth Parker	'27
Janet Nelson	'28
Randy Pembroke	'28
Richard Pratt	'28

TRUSTEES

Sharon Huffman	'26
Gary Winstead	'26
Beth Upton	'27
Jonathan Calhoun	'28
Myra Norris	'28
Jim Phillips	'28

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIR NOMINEES FOR 2026

Audit	Cathie Pittman
Financial Management	Mike Kincaid
Missions and Ministry	Rebecca Gilson
Personnel	Richard Wynne

BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIR NOMINEE FOR 2026

Sharon Huffman



In accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws, listed below are the Deacon Election Team's nominees for the 2026-2027 Deacons and Officers.

Report of the Deacon Election Team First Baptist Church, Wilmington

Ken Caswell, Susan Crocker, Jayne Davis, Shawn Evans, Becca Jones, Barrett Owen, and Amy Queen.

SMALL GROUP DEACON NOMINEES (2026-2027 TERM)

- Kyle Abrams for The Bridge Class
- Kim Furtado for Cheers/Covenant Class
- Jeff Thompson for Cheers/Covenant Class
- Brad White for Cheers/Covenant Class
- Julie Criser for Chancel Choir
- Shawn Evans for Chancel Choir
- Janet Nelson for Chancel Choir
- Amy Queen for Chancel Choir
- Mary Claire Barnhill for Crossroads Class
- John Golder for Family Life Class
- Bob Birch for Fellowship Class
- Linda Collins for Fellowship Class
- Keith Inman for Fellowship Class
- Susan Inman for Fellowship Class
- George Miars for Fellowship Class
- Bo Burch for Friendship Class
- David Criser for Friendship Class
- Mary Jane Pyck for Friendship Class
- Sandy Smith for Friendship Class
- Randy Ivey for Grace Class
- Ben Corbett for Hengeveld Class
- John Evans for Hengeveld Class
- Patti Hill for Hengeveld Class
- Mark Steelman for Hengeveld Class
- Nay Blut Phaw for Karen Congregation
- Connie Vigus for Merry Marthas Class
- Mike Craig for Transitions Class
- JoAnn Hogue for Transitions Class
- Myra Norris for Transitions Class
- Shirley Rymer for Transitions Class
- Connie Allegood for Wells Class
- Tammy Blizzard for Wells Class
- Jana Cottingham for Wells Class
- Susan Crocker for Wells Class
- Peggy Glass for Wells Class
- Charles Plasters for Wells Class
- Jeff Barnhill for Worship Team
- Andy Kotz for Young Families Class
- John Lucas for Young Families Class

AT-LARGE DEACON NOMINEES (2026-2027 TERM)

- Christy Aley
- Ann Barkley
- David Barkley
- Paul Bender
- Lisa Bertini
- Ron Braswell
- Mararuth Capell
- Donn Evans
- Kay Fare
- Gary Harris
- David Hill
- Dianne Jones
- Kay Jones
- Bruce Lennon
- Coleman Long
- Rick Miley
- Jim Morgan
- Virgil Peterson
- Deborah Phillips
- Philip Sutton
- Jeannie Troutman
- Jerry Tyson
- Richard Wynne

OFFICERS

- Chair: Beth Upton