

# 2016 Deacon Nominees



## David Angel

**Spouse:** Cheryl **Joined FBC:** 1969

**Profession/Vocation:** Retired VP Sales ConAgra Foods; Consultant

**Previous FBC service:** Deacon; Committee on Committees; Christian Assistance Fund; Heritage and Hope

**Current FBC service:** Member of the Covenant Class

**I am excited to serve as a Deacon because:** I consider FBCGSO as my Home Church; it is where my faith grew and matured, it is where friendships developed and evolved. I believe we are in exciting times for FBCGSO; ones with newness blended with traditions, ones with growth and energy, ones with renewed family and community focus, ones of openness and inclusiveness. I look forward to serving my Home Church.



## Janet Caldwell

**Joined FBC:** 1984

**Profession/Vocation:** Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Cone Health

**Previous FBC service:** Committee on Committees; Junior Deacon

**I am excited to serve as a Deacon because:** I have never been as proud of our church as I am now! I am enthused to see our church evolving into a family of faith that genuinely is opening our doors to service and embrace so many. As our church family becomes a balance of giving, helping, caring, and growing, I too, see the same within me. I am honored to be considered for nomination as a Deacon at FBC-Greensboro. My favorite verse: Luke 6:31 "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."



## Laura Cashwell

**Spouse:** Jay **Joined FBC:** 1979 **Children:** Patrick

**Profession/Vocation:** Physician Assistant

**Previous FBC service:** Second Time Around Consignment Sale committee; Women's Retreat Committee; Children's Ministry Committee

**Current FBC service:** Women's Retreat Committee; Children's Ministry Committee

**I am excited to serve as a Deacon because:** I am looking forward to serving as a Deacon because although I alone found my faith, this church and its congregation have helped me strengthen it. I am encouraged by the way First Baptist is evolving, and I look forward to being an active participant as we redefine and strengthen our presence in the community. My hope is that we continue to expand our hearts as we welcome new members, new ideas, and differing perspectives.



## Jim Clontz

**Spouse:** Carolyn **Joined FBC:** 1975 **Children:** Stephanie Clontz Garner

**Profession/Vocation:** Retired General Contractor

**Previous FBC service:** Finance; Missions; Pastor Search Committee; Deacon; Sanctuary Choir; Committee on Committees; Sunday School Department Director; Junior Deacon; Pastor Relations Committee; Sanctuary Renovation Committee; Brandt Oaks Development Committee; Heritage and Hope Committee; Downtown Discernment; Habitat for Humanity Leader; Chile Missions Trip Leader; Long Range Planning Committee; Operation Christmas Child; Facilities Master Plan Task Force

**Current FBC service:** Building and Grounds Committee

**I am excited to serve as a Deacon because:** I am excited to serve as a Deacon because I can be involved in helping our church reach out to others in a positive way by providing hope, care, and the love of Christ through programs of service. I will be guided by Proverbs 3:5 & 6, and challenged by the words recorded in Luke where Jesus said "to those to whom much is given much is expected."



## Jackson Foxworth (Jack)

**Joined FBC:** 1987 **Children:** Rebecca Foxworth Green, Rachel Foxworth Joyner

**Profession/Vocation:** Retired Corporate and Commercial Pilot

**Previous FBC service:** Welcoming Committee; Collect greenery and help decorate the Sanctuary each year for the Christmas season

**Current FBC service:** Sanctuary Choir; Volunteer with Children's Choir every Wednesday; Bereavement Committee; Volunteer to work switchboard and front doors once a week

**I am excited to serve as a Deacon because:** My God means so very much to me, and this church, with its people, have been a constant inspiration to my life. Serving as a Deacon is an awesome responsibility but is an excellent way of giving back in appreciation for all the gifts I've received through Christ and His Church.



## Jody Moore

**Spouse:** Christy **Joined FBC:** 1988 **Children:** Sarah, JJ

**Profession/Vocation:** Healthcare Administration—Senior Director with Advanced Home Care

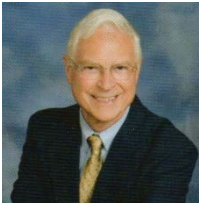
**Previous FBC service:** Youth Chaperone, Mission Trips

**Current FBC service:** Special Finance Ad Hoc Committee

**I am excited to serve as a Deacon because:** The work that the Lord is doing through the church for our community is invigorating and I am excited to be a part of God's greater plan. The opportunity to serve as Deacon allows me to give back to a church that has given so much to me and my family.

**Cathy Isom****Spouse:** Marty **Joined FBC:** 1994 **Children:** Britt, Zach, Jake**Profession/Vocation:** Co-owner/Designer Carolina Greene Marketplace**Previous FBC service:** 7<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School teacher; Middle School WOW leader; 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade missions leader; 2 yr old Sunday School teacher; First Baptist Preschool teacher 2000-2006; VBS leader; WMU; Even Song member; New Spirit member; Children's Minister search committee**Current FBC service:** 8th grade Sunday School teacher

**I am excited to serve as a Deacon because:** I believe it's my duty to give of myself to my church when asked. I'm the daughter of a Baptist Minister of Music and the granddaughter of a Baptist Pastor, which gives me a different perspective than most people. I truly believe there is no greater honor than to be trusted to represent the body of Christ as a Deacon. First Baptist Greensboro has been an incredible blessing to me and my family for the past 22 years, and it would be my pleasure to work with this incredible team of dedicated church members, who prayerfully and diligently work to ensure the decisions made are the best for our wonderful church.

**Cliff Lowery****Joined FBC:** 1981 **Children:** Kathryn Johnston, Kevin Lowery, Kameron Dalton**Profession/Vocation:** Retired, Higher Education Administration**Previous FBC service:** College Sunday School teacher for 16 years; Deacon (three terms); Deacon Chair; Senior Adult Council; Columbarium Committee**Current FBC service:** Senior Adult Council, Chair; Silver Compassion Planning Team, Chair

**I am excited to serve as a Deacon because:** I desire to be His servant forever. The opportunity to serve FBC is a challenge we must undertake individually and collectively to continually strive to serve Him, our own members, and those Friends beyond our vision we have not yet met. I believe we are poised to do even greater service for our community. May I grow older in this service without growing old in spirit, modeling those Saint-like Friends who have served before me and are my inspiration.

**John Markham****Spouse:** Cynthia **Joined FBC:** 1959 **Children:** Ashley McCollum, Heather Sutton**Profession/Vocation:** Retired - Cone Mills/International Textile Group**Previous FBC service:** Finance Committee; Sound Committee; Usher Committee**Current FBC service:** Middle School/High School Secretary; FBC Middle School Church League Basketball Coach

**I am excited to serve as a Deacon because:** Having grown up in FBC, I have had privilege of knowing many of those who have shaped the history of this church. Being a deacon will provide the opportunity to have input and be a part of the transition to an even greater and prospering church.

**Brenda Porterfield****Spouse:** Coolidge **Joined FBC:** 1979 **Children:** Eric, Stephen**Profession/Vocation:** Homemaker**Previous FBC service:** Minister of Visitation; Sunday School Teacher; Junior Choir Leader; Personnel Committee; Denominational Relations Committee; Search Committees; Volunteer in youth department**Current FBC service:** Volunteer visitor to homebound

**I am excited to serve as a Deacon because:** I am excited to serve as Deacon because this is a very exciting time in our church, and I look forward to being involved with the new programs.

**Gary Upchurch****Spouse:** Frances **Joined FBC:** 1977 **Children:** Allison, Sarah**Profession/Vocation:** Landscape Design/Sales at New Garden Landscaping & Nursery, Inc.**Previous FBC service:** Building and Grounds Committee; Deacon; College Team; Fifth Grade Sunday School

**I am excited to serve as a Deacon because:** It is an exciting time in the life of First Baptist Greensboro. I see how our church is growing. We are reaching young families in our community that may have so much to offer but have not found a church home. I believe as a Deacon at First Baptist, I will be part of a group that offers direction for our leadership as they develop plans and goals to make our church all that it can be.

**Gayle Wiley****Spouse:** Richard **Joined FBC:** 1987 **Children:** Dana Christmas, Jason**Profession/Vocation:** Retired Media Specialist**Previous FBC service:** Deacon, Pastor Search Committee; Sunday School Teacher; church clerk**Current FBC service:** Adult Sunday School Teacher; Missions Volunteer: Grace Meals, Backpack Beginnings

**I am excited to serve as a Deacon because:** It is exciting to work to support the ministry of FBC as we reach out into our community and try to live up to our calling as the 'hands and feet of Jesus'. We have great potential to support one another in our Christian walks and offer a smile to a hurting world. Helping our church welcome new faces and opportunities will be challenging and rewarding.