

# 2018 Deacon Nominees



## **Dona Butler**

**Joined FBC:** 2014

**Profession/Vocation:** Retired missionary (18 years), teacher and realtor

**I am excited to serve as a Deacon because:** I am excited ... it will get me more involved with the people of the church enabling me to share in their Spiritual needs and to give comfort.



## **Anita Cranford**

**Joined FBC:** 1989

**Profession/Vocation:** Retired elementary school teacher and librarian, currently working in First Baptist Preschool

**Previous FBC service:** Member of the Preschool Committee, coordinator for Sunday extended service childcare, Sunday School teacher

**Current FBC service:** Member of Preschool/Via Scholarship Board, Sunday School teacher

**I am excited to serve as a Deacon because:** I am so blessed to be a part of this community of believers who reaches out to the people of our community as well as caring for one another within our church family. It's an honor to be asked to participate in the leadership of our church.



## **Autumn Culbreth**

**Spouse:** Chris **Joined FBC:** 2013 **Children:** Emerson, 6; Lucy, 3; Finn, 10 months

**Profession/Vocation:** FBC Preschool Teacher

**Previous FBC service:** Children's Ministry Volunteer, Atrium Greeter, WE! Shelter, Consignment Sale Co-Chair

**Current FBC service:** Junior Church Leader, VBS Planning Committee, Christian Assistance Fund Committee

**I am excited to serve as a Deacon because:** FBC has a rich history of being a church full of vision and life. It continues to be a place willing to dream and do new things in ministry while valuing the past. Our family is thankful for what this space means to our faith journey. I am excited to be a small part of the church leadership and help to continue the vision.



## **John Fisher**

**Spouse:** Hazel **Joined FBC:** 1970 **Children:** Eric; Kelli

**Profession/Vocation:** Retired Small Business Owner

**Previous FBC service:** Deacon, Building and Grounds Committee, Christian Assistance Fund Committee, Sunday School Teacher, RA Leader, Habitat Team Leader, Recreation Committee, Men's Basketball Team

**Current FBC service:** Encourager, supporter

**I am excited to serve as a Deacon because:** I may be the first fulltime wheelchair-using Deacon at First Baptist Church. This is a positive sign of inclusion. Will I be useful? What will happen? I am excited to find out! It may be more difficult to hug... hug anyway.



## **Bob Godfrey**

**Spouse:** Bunny **Joined FBC:** 1958 **Children:** Rob; Elizabeth

**Profession/Vocation:** Employed by Employee Benefit Solutions

**Previous FBC service:** Deacon, Adult Sunday School Teacher, Finance Committee, Worship Committee, Recreation Committee, two Associate Pastor Search Committees

**Current FBC service:** Usher, greeter

**I am excited to serve as a Deacon because:** I am thrilled with the current direction of our church and with the pastoral leadership at our church. Our focus of taking the concept of church beyond the walls of our building into our community, of God being at loose in the world through our lives, is inspiring, uplifting and motivating. I am honored to serve in a church which has been so significant in my life and that of my family.



## **Meganne Gould**

**Spouse:** Jason **Joined FBC:** 1994 **Children:** Raina, 5; Sophronia, 1½

**Profession/Vocation:** Swim instructor and stay-at-home mom

**Previous FBC service:** Committee on Committees, Great Commission Fund Committee, College Team, College/Young Professionals Sunday School Teacher, Rosewood Bible School, nursery volunteer

**Current FBC service:** Nursery volunteer, Children's Choir

**I am excited to serve as a Deacon because:** I am honored and humbled that our church family trusts me enough to serve as a deacon. First Baptist consistently meets my prayers for daily renewal in God's love and I look forward to more fully sharing that same love with my church family.



**Julia Hamilton (Cookie)**

**Joined FBC:** 2015

**Profession/Vocation:** Retired from Recreation/Special Events and Adult Education

**Previous FBC service:** Missions Committee, WMU

**Current FBC service:** Co-facilitator for FBC at YMCA Family Shelter, Sunday School Teacher

**I am excited to serve as a Deacon because:** I love belonging to a church involved in so many ministries and social causes. There is truly a place for everyone to serve and to use their spiritual gifts in a way that reflects their individual talents from children to seniors. Being a deacon will be an opportunity to get to know more of the FBC family.



**Deborah Huneycutt (Debbie)**

**Spouse:** Robert (Lynn) **Joined FBC:** 2009 **Children:** Joshua Ryan; Katie Huneycutt Wright; Jacob

**Profession/Vocation:** Preschool Director

**Previous FBC service:** Preschool Director Search Committee, Fall Fun Fest, Bessemer Elementary Volunteer, Backyard VBS, Missions Service Day

**I am excited to serve as a Deacon because:** I am excited about the opportunity to serve God through the missions of the church and to be a prayer partner for the church as we seek God’s will. I am excited about journeying with each person as we strive to understand God’s heart and the opportunity to be the hands and feet of God as we take the church into the community.



**Shaun Martin**

**Spouse:** Maggie **Joined FBC:** 2014

**Profession/Vocation:** Editor

**Previous FBC service:** Search Committee for Associate Pastor for Missions and Community Ministry

**Current FBC service:** Christian Assistance Fund Committee

**I am excited to serve as a Deacon because:** I believe it is an excellent opportunity to serve the Church, and to contribute not only to administrative matters but also to serving the wider FBC community. I am honored to be nominated, and I hope to live up to your expectations.



**Mark McCracken**

**Spouse:** Margaret **Joined FBC:** 2016 **Children:** Max, 5; Hunter, 3

**Profession/Vocation:** Commercial Real Estate

**Current FBC service:** Mobile Meals

**I am excited to serve as a Deacon because:** I am excited to be led by the Spirit of God and directed by our church to serve, love and help others. With an understanding that the primary role of a Deacon is to serve, I look forward to supporting and to serving our church members, and our community, humbly in love.



**John Sample**

**Spouse:** Joanna **Joined FBC:** 1979 **Children:** Lindley, 18; Melissa, 16

**Profession/Vocation:** Sales/Logistics Carolina Galvanized Tube

**Previous FBC service:** Deacon, Finance Committee, Upward Basketball

**Current FBC service:** High School Sunday School Teacher, Missions Committee, Youth and Families Pastor Search Committee

**I am excited to serve as a Deacon because:** 1st Corinthians 12:12 says “For just as the body is one and has many members, all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.” If I can help the body of our church proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, I will gladly do so.



**Pat Wilson**

**Spouse:** Anita **Joined FBC:** 2003 **Children:** Seth, 26; Caleb, 20

**Profession/Vocation:** Engineering Manager, NCDOT-Division 7

**Previous FBC service:** Deacon, Youth Leader, Missions Committee, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School Teacher

**Current FBC service:** Middle School Sunday School Director

**I am excited to serve as a Deacon because:** I am humbled to be asked to serve and provide leadership during this important time for our church.