



St. John's
Baptist

Deacon
Nominations

Deacons at St. John's

Ordained Deacons at St. John's serve for 3-year terms, after which they are ineligible to serve as active deacons for 2 years. The Diaconate consists of those persons who have been ordained as a Deacon by St. John's or have had their ordination from another congregation recognized by St. John's.

The active Diaconate serve on one of three panels.

Administrative Deacons - 12 Deacons

Ministry Deacons - 12 Deacons

Pastoral Deacons - 24 Deacons

The Deacons are under the leadership of the Deacon Chair and 48 active Deacons constitute the active Deacon body who oversees the business and wellness of the church. The active Deacon body is renewed in late summer to begin their work for the new church year around September 1st.

Deacon Ordination is a practice in the Baptist tradition of setting apart lay persons for Gospel ministry to assist in the work and witness of the Church to its members and the community.

The following 21 persons have been selected by the Leadership Resource Team to become part of the active Deacon body in the coming church year. Seven of those persons will also seek Deacon Ordination. On August 9th you will have the opportunity to voice your affirmation of these persons to these ministry roles.



Maggie Bond

Pastoral Panel

1 Year Term

Joined in 1989

"When Bert Green calls and asks you to fill a position, you don't tend to say no ;) I like to try and help in any way I can, because my church has done so much to support my children."

Leadership at St. John's

Nursery worker, Toddler 1&2's classes, Worship Ed classes, 1 year teaching 10th grade, VBS, Flower Committee, Pastoral Deacon, Sudanese, photographer.

Activities at St. John's

Member of the Pathfinder Class

Family

Husband, RD; children, Meg, Nicholas, and Samuel

Occupation

Preschool teacher, photographer



Phillips Bragg

Administrative Panel

2 Year Term

Joined in 1986

Born into St. John's

"Good work to be done!"

Leadership at St. John's

Deacon, Hymnal Search, Missions, Endowment, Youth and Adult teacher

Activities at St. John's

Member of Pathfinders Class, Mission liaison for The Nyarweng School and Right Moves

Family

Wife, Leslie; Sons: Kirby (20), Claude (19), and John (15)

Occupation

Investment Advisor



Steve Carter

Administrative Panel

1 Year Term

Joined in 2011

"I have always believed we are equipped with different skills and abilities that can help the church fulfill our collective calling. I know I can make a difference as an Administrative Deacon, and am happy to continue in this way of participating in the leadership of the church I love."

Leadership at St. John's

Deacon, Pastoral Deacon, Personnel Committee, Ministerial search Committee, Children's Sunday School Teacher, Hackney Scholarship Committee, Discipleship mentor, Personnel Resource Team

Activities at St. John's

Member of McLeod-Brown Class

Family

Wife, Pauline; Daughters Willow (27) and Dory Ann (23)

Occupation

Sr. Dir., Business Management at TIAA



Steven Follis

Ministry Panel

Joined in 2012

"The Baptist tradition is dependent upon congregational members stepping forward to participate, contribute, and lead. I desire to make St. John's a better community by joining my time and energy with the efforts of so many other leaders in the diaconate."

Leadership at St. John's

Deacon, Ministry Panel Secretary, Youth & Young Adult Minister Search Task Force Member, Children's Sunday School Teacher

Activities at St. John's

Adventure Class, Children's Sunday School Teacher, Brotherhood of the Biscuit

Family

Wife, Kimberly Follis

Occupation

Go-to-Market Specialist at Amazon Web Services



Scott Hicks

Pastoral Panel

Joined in 1996

"I believe that we best realize God through service to others."

Leadership at St. John's

Deacon, Stewardship Committee, Committee to Nominate Deacons, Leadership Committee, Homeless Ministries, Youth Sunday School teacher, Discipleship

Activities at St. John's

Youth Sunday School teacher, Homeless Ministries

Family

Wife, Kimberly; twin 23 year old sons Corson and Tucker

Occupation

Self Employed Businessman



Renee' Hutchison

Pastoral Panel

Joined in 2000

"I want to develop deeper relationships with other members of St John's."

Leadership at St. John's

Personnel committee, Middle school girls small group leader, substitute Sunday School teacher, Committee to hire Minister of Music

Activities at St. John's

Chancel Choir, McLeod-Brown Class, Youth Chaperone, Habitat for Humanity, Passport Camps

Family

Husband, Keith, son Lee

Occupation

Managing Partner HutchCo Storm Water and Grading;
retired from Duke Energy as Lead HR Consultant



Dale Johnson

Pastoral Panel

2 Year Term

Joined in 1981

"Being a long-time member of St. John's has been a blessing for me and my family. To me, serving as a Deacon is a small way to express gratefulness for being part of the St. John's community."

Leadership at St. John's

Sunday School Teacher for Upper Elementary Class, Room in the Inn
Co-coordinator, Mission Resource Team, Deacon

Activities at St. John's

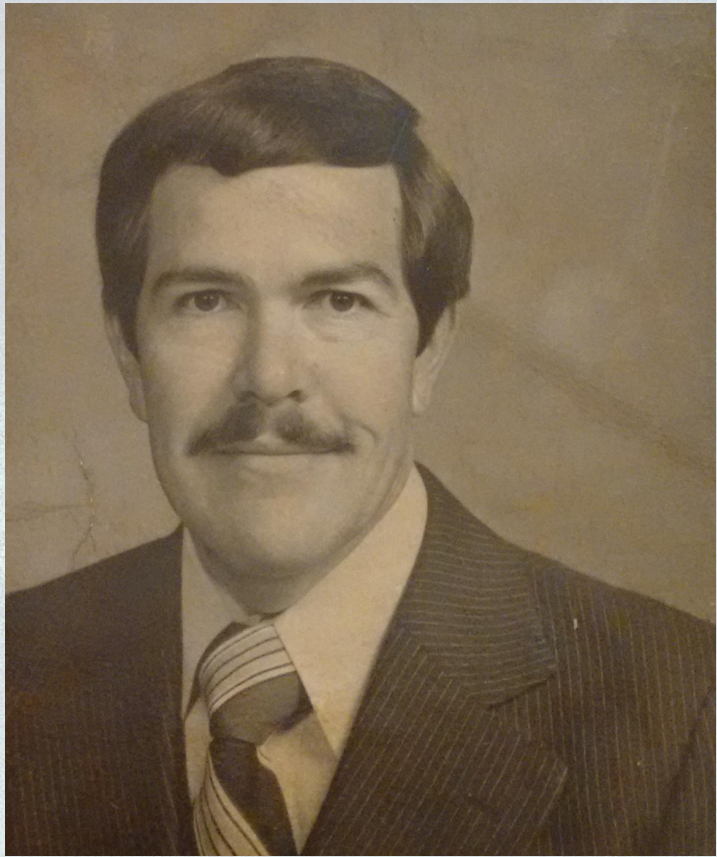
Farside Class, Volunteer for Charlotte Family Housing

Family

Wife, Carol; Brian (son) and wife Kristen, Kristen Fields (daughter)
and husband Brandon

Occupation

Retired from Duke Energy; Seasonal Job as Voting Machine
Programmer/Field Tech for Mecklenburg County Board of Elections



Jim Keesee

Pastoral Panel

Joined in 2010

"I want to serve GOD."

Leadership at St. John's

I have been active with serving the men's shelter meal and the Room in the Inn meal for many years and have volunteered for Charlotte Family Housing service.

Activities at St. John's

Room in the Inn, Charlotte Family Housing, Men's Shelter

Family

Niece & Nephew who reside in Arkansas

Occupation

Retired Sales Manager



James Kimball

Pastoral Panel

Joined in 1994

Born into St. John's

"I have been looking for more ways to serve the Community and do not know of a better one than this."

Leadership at St. John's

1996-1999 High School Boy's Basketball Team Member; 2004-2007 Men's Team Member; SJBC Youth Chaperone since 2004; Youth Sunday Co-Pastor 1999; Former and Current Assistant to Deacon Fredda Kimball

Activities at St. John's

Brotherhood of the Biscuit, Youth Chaperone, Room in the Inn, Friendship Trays

Family

Fredda Kimball, Mother; Bill Kimball (Deceased), Father; Gip and Irene Kimball (Deceased), Grandparents; Sam Kimball, Brother and Whitney Magendie, Sister-In-Law; Turbo, Best Friend and Canine Captain

Occupation

Accountant (CPA)



Patti Klein

Pastoral Panel

Joined in 2009

"From a young age, I have sought ways to participate, lead, volunteer and serve others. I love St. John's Baptist and want to continue to help make it a spirit-filled, thriving, supportive and meaningful community."

Leadership at St. John's

Joy Sunday School Class Teacher, Pastoral Deacon, Finance Team, Chancel Choir, Endowment Committee, Seekers Class

Activities at St. John's

Joy Class, Seekers Class, Chancel Choir member, Endowment Committee, Served meals at Men's Shelter and Room in the Inn, volunteer at Charlotte Family Housing Christmas Store

Family

Janet Jones, Sister; Tom Jones, Brother

Occupation

CPA Tax Specialist with local firm



Chris Lavender

Pastoral Panel

Joined in 2017

"I am open to being a St John's pastoral deacon because it would present the opportunity to offer sensitive and caring support to other church members in times of need. The role would allow me to give back some of the love and support that I have been so blessed to experience myself. St. John's exudes unconditional love to everyone. I can think of no better place to serve God and his people.

Leadership at St. John's

The Architectural Committee,
The Worship Resource Team, and The Design Committee

Activities at St. John's

Serve at the Men's Shelter

Family

Spouse, J Noel Lance

Occupation

Furniture Sales/Interior Designer



Eva Lee

Pastoral Panel

Joined in 1971

"Looking forward to working with other Deacons as St. John's fulfills its many facets of worship, fellowship and outreach."

Leadership at St. John's

Teacher in Hannah, Unity class, Children's Choir, Chair of Hunger Committee, Chancel Choir, MMAE's Inn/Hospitality House Leadership, House & Grounds, Mission Action, WMU/WoM evening group, Men's Shelter meals, Hospice Caretaker Team

Activities at St. John's

Joy Class, Monday Faith Journey group, Wednesday Yoga, Chancel Choir, Loaves & Fishes liaison / Hunger Team

Family

Family in Alabama

Occupation

Retired CMS Media Specialist/Librarian and retired from CAD work with Yelverton Architects



Eric McCombs

Pastoral Panel

Joined in 2015

"I believe in our church and its mission and want to serve this church."

Leadership at St. John's

Teacher of 1st - 3rd grade class

Activities at St. John's

Chancel Choir, Brotherhood of the Biscuit, Softball & Basketball

Family

Wife, Kelli McCombs

Occupation

Medical Device Sales - OR Equipment



Laura McGuire

Ministry Panel

Joined in 2020

Attended for 20 Years

I feel I have more time to give now that my boys are for the most part, grown. I'd like to get to know our congregation on a more personal level. I look forward to connecting with people soon and look forward to my duties. I've been a part of this church for a long time and look forward to a higher responsibility.

Leadership at St. John's

Youth Resource Team Co-Chair, Youth Parent

Activities at St. John's

Memorial Garden/Garden Keeper, Room at the Inn Dinner Prep & Fellowship, Habitat for Humanity Youth Parent Chaperone/Volunteer Pathfinders Class

Family

Noah and Finnegan McGuire (Sons)

Occupation

Administrative Assistant for Bank of America



Dan Redding

Administrative Panel

Joined in 2010

"St. John's has been so beneficial for me and my family since we first started coming in 2008, and we love and get so much out of the work and discipleship the church does for Charlotte. I look forward to giving back a portion of what has been given to me."

Leadership at St. John's

Administrative Deacon, Pastoral Search Team 2010/11

Activities at St. John's

Youth Sunday School Teacher, Coach children's basketball during the winter

Family

Wife, Carly and son Dylan (11)

Occupation

Business Development Director at TekPartners



Becky Skidmore

Ministry Panel

Joined in 2016

"Since serving on MRT for several years, I am interested and committed to the missions that St. John's is a part of. I hope that serving on the Ministry Deacon Panel will allow me to continue this involvement. I consider it a honor and privilege to serve the people of St. John's Baptist Church."

Leadership at St. John's

Chair of Education Ministry on MRT

Activities at St. John's

Joy Class, Needle Ministry and Hospitality Committee. Volunteer at Refugee Support Services

Family

Married to Bill Skidmore before his passing in 2015. I have a daughter who lives in Charlotte and two sons who live in the Atlanta area. I am blessed to love and spoil 7 grandchildren.

Occupation

Retired from CMS



Ellen Spence Smith

Administrative Panel

Joined in 1997

"I am happy to help if I am needed."

Leadership at St. John's

I have been a Deacon before and have been on lots of committees.

Activities at St. John's

Pathfinder Class

Family

Husband, Ken; Son, Jack (23); Daughter Janie (19).

Occupation

I am a Builder with Banister Homes.



Carter Sorrell

Administrative Panel

Joined in 1990

Born into St. John's

Leadership at St. John's

Ministerial Deacon, Personnel Task Force, Interiors Task Force, Budget Review Task Force, Discipleship Sponsor, Toddler Sunday school teacher

Activities at St. John's

Cheers Class

Family

Wife, Meredith; Brooks and Laura Sorrell, Daughters; MC and Laura Sorrell, Parents; Melissa Millette, Aunt; Carole McLeod, Aunt.

Occupation

General Contractor



M.C. Sorrell

Pastoral Panel

Joined in 1962

"Willing to continue to be of service where needed."

Leadership at St. John's

Deacon, House and Grounds chair, Youth Habitat Team, Youth Committee

Activities at St. John's

Farside Class

Family

Wife, Laura Sorrell; Carter Sorrell (son) and family

Occupation

Retired



Debbie Stillerman

Ministry Panel

Joined in 2000

"St. John's is an important part of life for my family, and I am honored to serve."

Leadership at St. John's

Children's Resource Team, Youth Resource Team, Church Clerk, Youth Auction

Activities at St. John's

Adventure Class, Children's Nursery, CROP Walk, Pride Parade

Family

Husband, Todd, daughter Mattie and son Will

Occupation

Occupational Therapist



Sara Vavra

Ministry Panel

Joined in 2011

"I believe that St. John's is a meaningful community of faith that offers sustenance and hope for all. I am open to serving as a Deacon at St. John's with my skills and talents, in order to support and nurture the the health of St. John's and all who interact with us."

Leadership at St. John's

Sunday School Teacher, Yoga Leader, Spiritual Growth and Youth Resource Team Member, Chaperone for Youth Trips

Activities at St. John's

Yoga Teacher and Youth Resource Team Member, Chaperone for Youth Trips

Family

Husband, Phil; sons, Sam and Nick

Occupation

Massage and Bodywork Therapist

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Eric McCombs



Becky Skidmore



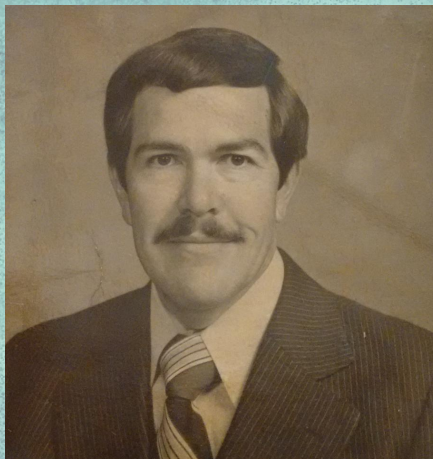
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