

2020 Deacon Nominees



LARRY ALEXANDER, FBC Member since: 2018

I know Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior and trust in Him alone for my salvation. I worship Him by daily spending time in God's word and in prayer. This allows me to know Him and recognize His voice when He speaks direction, encouragement, or correction into my life. I worship Him by faithfully supporting His church with my attendance, service, and finances to further His kingdom. I believe that I am biblically responsible to God to lead my family spiritually in the Christian life, to love my wife as Christ loved the church and to have an active role in raising our child to be a follower of Jesus Christ. As a disciple of Christ my goal is to daily walk in the Holy Spirit and be a reflection of His love.

Presently serving at FBC: Sanctuary Choir; Sanctuary Choir Vice-president; Living Christmas Tree; Ripples Sunday School **Previously Served:** Sanctuary Choir Section Leader; Choir at Crosspointe Church



DAVID BROOKS, FBC Member since: 2015

I was born into a family that brought me to church and nurtured my relationship with Jesus from the very beginning. When I was 11 years old, I made the decision to become a follower of Jesus and was baptized. Since my baptism, I've continued deepening that relationship through various events, discipleships with other believers, and my involvement in ministries in FBC Huntsville and other churches. While working for Passport camps while in college, I was exposed to numerous denominations, beliefs, and opinions on faith. These conversations with other believers helped to shape the beliefs that I hold to this day. I believe that grace is extended to all, and our mission as believers is to extend that grace to the world.

Presently serving at FBC: Leader, FBC Student Ministry; First Fellowship Music Ministry (Drums & Tech Crew); Member of Worship & Music Committee; Friends & Followers SS Class.

Previously Served: FB-HSV Student Ministry—Ministry Architect Committee; Volunteer-Mosaic Service; CRU College Ministry; DJ at Father-Daughter Dance; Team Leader, Passport Camps.



LAURA COOK, FBC Member since: 2007

I grew up in church and made a commitment at the age of nine to follow Jesus. I believe to follow Jesus is to first seek what he would have me do and say in all situations. I am the hands and feet of him. One of the gifts he has given me is to serve and to help build community with people. I have always searched for a place I can call home, grow closer with God and care for my church family. First Baptist Huntsville has been that place for the last 14 years and has taught me so much about my faith. The people of this church have challenged me to dig deeper about what the bible says to me and has pushed me to reach out of my comfort zone.

Presently serving at FBC: SS Teacher, Quest Class, Wednesday Children's Ministry Small Group

Previously Served: Preschool Coordinator on Sundays, Wednesday Night GA's, MOPS, Student SS, and numerous committees (Children and Adult)



JOHN CORBELL, FBC Member since: 2017

My first realization of sin was during a revival week when I was 11 years old. The youth minister at my grandmother's small country church explained that disobeying my parents was a sin, and the results of sin was an eternity apart from God in hell. Unfortunately, I was in my mid 20s before I took my faith and walk with God seriously and began to seek the discipleship of mature believers to assist me in my walk. Since that time, I've spent much time in prayer and in the Word. God blessed me with a beautiful wife that fears the Lord. She and our three children challenge me every day to grow deeper in my faith. My commitment to learn more is driven by my desire to be a leader for my family and those God places in my path.

Presently serving at FBC: Personnel Committee; SS Teacher, LifeSpring Class.

Previously Served: Deacon, Willowbrook Baptist Church; SS Teacher; and member of the Men's Ministry Team.



RICK CORN, FBC Member since: 2007

I am blessed to have grown up in a Christian home. My mom tells me my first venture outside the home after I was born was to church. Mom and dad had my sister, my brother and me in church virtually every time the doors were open. I accepted Christ in a tent revival in my hometown when I was eight years old. I was baptized shortly thereafter. Periodically in my life I have felt God's direct answer to prayers, and his divine direction when I have found myself at crossroads. As I look back, the low times in my life are the times where I can see his presence most manifested. I am thankful God directed me to Huntsville, AL; and to First Baptist Church, Huntsville. I truly believe this is where I am supposed to be at this point in my life.

Presently serving at FBC: Hospital Visitation; Student Ministry (Team A).

Previously Served: Aviva Children's SS Teacher; Worship Care Volunteer; Security Team; Student Spring Camp Volunteer; Christmas Manger Scene construction; LCT Construction Team; First Fellowship Greeter; Serving-the-City Volunteer; Tornado disaster relief & construction projects.



TRIP FERGUSON, FBC Member since: 2015

I am blessed to have been part of a Christian family for my entire life. These foundational beliefs have guided my life to this point and provide me with hope for the future. I strive to exemplify Christian principles in both my personal and professional life. It is my intent to reflect Christ through my actions; I feel that my gifts and talents are most utilized as a leader in my professional role. Through this opportunity, I influence others to value faith and foster a positive environment where all colleagues treat one another with respect and dignity.

Presently serving at FBC: Young Adult Renovation Team, First Impressions Team.

Previously Served: Serving several Community non-profit Boards.



GREG FRADY, FBC Member since: 1992

I was born into a Baptist family and came to know Christ while still in elementary school. As I grew up in high school and college, Christ continued to lead me into a deeper walk with Him, leading me to greater accountability in my walk. While in college, I was led to work as a summer youth minister and served in the leadership in my Baptist Student Union. When I was led to work in Huntsville in 1992, I continued my walk in Christ as a member of FBC Huntsville. Sherrie and I have made FBC our home church and raised our four kids through the WEE, Children, and Youth ministries of FBC, teaching them the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ daily in our home as we faced the challenges of everyday life.

Presently serving at FBC: SS Teacher, Children's & Youth; Hospital Visitation, First Impressions Team.

Previously Served: Youth Ministry Teacher; Wednesday Night Youth Leader; Youth Minister; Singles & Youth Discipleship Leader; Member of Trustees; Personnel Committee; Missions Committee; Deacon; and Young Adult SS Teacher.



CYNTHIA FUTRAL, FBC Member since: 2010

Thankfully, I was raised in a Christian home and have been a disciple of Christ since a child. I cannot imagine a life that is not centered and led by Christ. One of my favorite scriptures is Proverbs 3:5-6 and I have tried to live my life according to this scripture. “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.” I have found in every season of my life, whether on the mountaintop or in the valley that my Heavenly Father has always been faithful to me. I am amazed everyday by His grace and love for me. It is my heart’s desire to serve others and am honored to be nominated to be a Deacon at First Baptist Church.

Presently serving at FBC: Sanctuary Choir; LCT Choir.

Previously Served: Music Ministry Workshops & Conference Leader; Children’s Music Minister; and Minister of Music (Volunteer & Staff position).



JOSEPH HICKS, FBC Member since: 1999

I was raised by a Christian mom. Because my dad had died when I was 5 a couple of local men semi-adopted me. One was a deacon and I ended up working for him for my junior and high school years and the other was the Baptist preacher who had three boys around my age. These men were witnesses of a Christian life for me. I practically lived in their homes and took vacations with them. In college I joined the BSU and eventually served as president. The college experience challenged me to think through my faith on a deeper level and I took several religion classes. After graduating, I was introduced to a Biblical archaeologist by my eventual father-in-law (a well-known Methodist minister). Traveling to the Holy Land profoundly affected my understanding.

Presently serving at FBC: SS Teacher, Connections; Big Spring Park Nativity Experience.

Previously Served: FBC Deacon; SS Teacher; Mission Trip to Belize; and Lincoln Village Tutor.



HUNTER HOSKINS, FBC Member since: 1995

I became a Christian at age 11. It was from an inner conviction that was from God. It was at that time I remember starting to read the Bible on a daily basis. It was a few years later when I was baptized at Central Baptist Church in Decatur at age 16.

Presently serving at FBC: Fifth Grade Sunday School Teacher; Youth Ministry Team; LCT Parking Lead; LCT Ministry Team; Worship Care Volunteer.

Previously Served: 10th Grade Sunday School Teacher; Chair WEE Committee; Preschool Sunday School Teacher, and Front Desk Volunteer at the previous Christian Life Center.



MINDY HYATT, FBC Member since: 2013

As a child, I learned of Jesus & my parents led me to understand my need for Him. I became a believer very young but continued to grow in faith & knowledge over the years. I have been through seasons of deep discipleship & seasons of dryness & have found God to be faithful. Each day is a conversation as I read the Bible, pray, & listen. I don’t always get it right, but the Holy Spirit is quick to pull me back on track when I need it. I have a passion for missions, teaching, discipleship, & serving that are not only part of my roles at FBC but are part of my daily role as a physical therapist. These interests/gifts have led me to join several local & international outreach adventures through which the Lord continues to stretch & grow me.

Presently serving at FBC: FBC Orchestra; Choir; Chamber singers; MusiCare Outreach/Ministry; & FBC Missions Committee.

Previously Served: International Mission Trips; LCT Choir; LCT Construction; SS Teacher; Nehemiah Teams (East Africa); Children’s Mission Director; Orchestra Worship Team; Nursery Volunteer; & Inner-City Homeless Outreach.



TOMMY JOHNSON, FBC Member since: 1958

Grew up in First Baptist Church Huntsville since I was five years old, 1955. Became a member and was baptized at the age of eight years old and was involved with church until 1968 when I went to Auburn University and was not a good disciple of Christ during those years. I met my wife Penny in 1976 in Florida and moved back to Huntsville in 1977 and became a better disciple of Christ becoming involved again with FBC Huntsville. I feel that prayer and daily Bible study has helped me follow Christ better day by day.

Presently serving at FBC: Missionary in Vietnam for the last 5 years, 6 months per year.

Previously Served: At FBC: SS teacher; Church Trustee; Deacon; Missions Committee; & Finance Committee.



SUSAN KEENE, FBC Member since: 1980

I became a Christian when I was 12; during college I made a commitment to take it seriously. Since then, He has seen me through getting a job and moving where I knew no one, making new friends, getting married, having children, moving to Huntsville, finding new friends and new places of service, mission trips, depression, a military son serving in combat zones, children getting married, grandchildren, and realizing I’m not as young as I used to be.

Presently serving at FBC: Sunday School teacher; Children’s Music Teacher; Choir, Orchestra; SILK Ministry; ESL Childcare; & Nominating Committee.

Previously Served: Interim Children’s Choir Coordinator; Interim Children’s Music and Missions

Coordinator; Council Court Clothes Closet; West Africa Mission Trip; Canada Mission Trip; Perry County Mission Trip; and several Youth mission trips.



HANS KIM, FBC Member since: 2017

I was a brainwashed Christian for some time, not unlike some children raised in Christian households, until moving to USA. As a foreign student, my initial loneliness drove me to intense periods of meditation, and after some years of life changes, I eventually established a friendship with God. An ongoing friendship with Him enabled me to focus on my spiritual identity, especially when witnessing the sheer happiness of the special ministry friends. Working with them and embracing their differences challenged me in ways to accelerate and grow within my spiritual journey. Their pure joy is very contagious and allows me to understand God’s grand scheme of things, even as I am tied down by confirmation bias, fake news, lip service, anger, etc.

Presently serving at FBC: FBC Special Ministry Class.

Previously Served: Served Special Ministries and one of four college groups’ steering committees in my home church. In the US, I served Business Committees at various churches (in KY, MA, FL, CO, and IL).



DAVE MCKENZIE, FBC Member since: 1987

I was raised in a Christian home and have attended church all my life, so this is the only lifestyle I’ve ever really known. I made a public profession of faith when I was eight years old, and despite times of weakness and doubt, that profession and my beliefs have shaped who I am and how I live my life ever since. I’ve been active in church all my life and have attempted to do what I feel God wants me to do, both in church and in my daily walk outside of church. He has blessed me with a number of gifts, including a love of vocal and instrumental music as well as a mind and ability to perform a variety of complex physical tasks (construction, renovation, and maintenance of structures and property).

Presently serving at FBC: Sanctuary Choir; Living Christmas Tree Choir; Median Adult Ministry Team; & Baptist Builders.

Previously Served: FBC Deacon; Sunday School Teacher, Children & Adults; Serving The City Team; and Chaperone, Youth Activities.



ED PERKINS, FBC Member since: 1991
I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior in 1980, and I continue to seek to know Him more fully through prayer and study. I want to keep Christ the center of my life, as when I lose focus on Him I can wander off my path. He is faithful to be there when I call Him to keep me centered on Him. Some of my most satisfying times are singing his praises through choir practice and worshipping in song in Sunday Services, Living Christmas Tree performances, and other opportunities. I have been blessed to have wonderful preachers and teachers to help me in my Christian growth, as well as my wife, Billie, who has provided strong inspiration and support for my Christian Journey. I seek new ways to share with others to know about Jesus.

Presently serving at FBC: Sanctuary Choir, Tenor; Audio/Video support; Assist Choir Librarian; Baptist Builders; Men’s Chorus; Hospital Visitation; & Lakewood School Tutor.
Previously Served: FBC-HSV Deacon; SS Teacher; Sanctuary Choir Section Lead; Nominating Committee; Finance Committee; WEE Steering Group; Young Musicians Choir Assistant; Children’s Choir Assistant; Music Camp Assistant; & Serving-the-City as One Volunteer.



JAMIE RICHARDSON, FBC Member since: 2009
I encountered Jesus early in my life, accepting Him as my Savior publicly and being baptized at age 12, and always desired a relationship with Him. As an adult, I look back and am so grateful for those who truly showed me His love and mercy. My goal each day is to strive closer to being part of that memory for my children and their generation. I fail more than I wish I did, but His grace and mercy lead me back to Him.

Presently serving at FBC: Quest Adult Bible Study Leader; & FBC Kids Wednesday Small Group Leader.
Previously Served: Children’s Music and Missions; WEE and Preschool Ministry Committees; Preschool/Children’s Renovation Team through Ministry Architects; LCT Construction-Decorating Lead; & Interim Children’s Missions Coordinator



JEFF VAUGHN, FBC Member since: 1996
I come from a large family and like many Christians, I was raised in a Christian home, taught in a Baptist church, and was surrounded by Christian witnesses. I made my profession of faith and was baptized at the young age of 9. I didn’t have a single revelation moment but instead there are multiple events that have tested my faith and strengthened it. There have been really good times such as birth of my son and some difficult times such as death of a sibling, illness and death of spouse and grandparent, and now my own cancer which is well controlled. My testimony is one of a Blessed life but not a perfect one. I have had my struggles, but I am reminded by Phil 4:13. “I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me”.

Presently serving at FBC: Sanctuary Choir.
Previously Served: FBC Deacon; RA Teacher; Sanctuary Choir member; LCT Choir member; Finance Committee; 2-Yr Old SS Teacher; WEE Committee and Chair; Youth Mission Trips; and other church mission activities.



KEVIN WALSH, FBC Member since: 2014
Grew up in a Baptist church where we were present and active any time the doors were open. I became a Christian in middle school but spent much of my middle school and high school years unsure if the Salvation “took” and found myself re-praying for salvation to make sure that God knew I was serious. While I knew in my head that God is faithful and just, my heart didn’t grasp His power of grace. It wasn’t until college bible study when I really latched on to God’s commitment to those who trust in Him and his grace for us sinners. It’s this knowledge and truth that I want to spread to others, starting with my family as we raise our two boys.

Presently serving at FBC: RA Leader.
Previously Served: FBC TV Ministry; Preschool and Children’s Renovation Committee. Mount Zion Baptist Church: RAs. FBC Eufaula: Praise Band Member; Lead VBS events; and other Youth events

Deacon Election and Voting Information

The Deacon Election will be held Sunday, September 13. Due to ongoing virtual church attendance by many, additional methods for obtaining and submitting absentee ballots will be provided this year. **Absentee ballots will be available in the church office, are included within this Messenger and printable online at fbchsv.org/deacon.**

There are 3 options for absentee voting by members:

- 1. Vote Absentee at the Church Office** - deadline is Friday, September 11 at 12 PM-noon.
- 2. Mail Absentee Ballot to Church Office** - must be received by Friday, September 11 (Mail to FBC, Attention: Deacon Election, 600 Governors Drive SW, Huntsville, AL 35801)
- 3. Email completed Absentee ballot to deaconelection@fbchsv.org** (deadline is Friday, September 11 at 12 PM-noon)

ABSENTEE BALLOT - DEACON ELECTION
- VOTE FOR UP TO TWELVE (12) BY CIRCLING THE NAMES –
VOTING IS FOR CHURCH MEMBERS ONLY!
Return to the Church Office in person or via mail
Return to the Church Office in person, via mail or via email deaconelection@fbchsv.org
Absentee ballots must be received before NOON Friday September 11, 2020
Mailing Address: FBC, Attention: Deacon Election, 600 Governors Drive SW, Huntsville, AL 35801
Ballots with more than twelve (12) names circled will NOT be counted.

The following have been nominated for deacon. Each has met the requirements established for deacons and is willing to serve if elected by the church.

Larry Alexander	Cynthia Futral	Hans Kim
David Brooks	Joseph Hicks	Dave McKenzie
Laura Cook	Hunter Hoskins	Ed Perkins
John Corbell	Mindy Hyatt	Jamie Richardson
Rick Corn	Tommy Johnson	Jeff Vaughn
Trip Ferguson	Susan Keene	Kevin Walsh
Greg Frady		