

Deacon Candidates

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Preston Burt

Preston has been a member of First Baptist Church for 17 years. He is married to Brooke and has two children, Ella and Audrey. He is and member of the Community Sunday School class and the most meaningful ministries for him have been the Sanctuary Choir and teaching Youth Sunday School. Preston prays without ceasing for unity within our church body, that we embrace our diverse community, and for our church to serve as the hands and feet of Christ.

David Smith

David Smith has been a member of First Baptist Church for 8 years. He is a Youth Small Group Leader, and the most meaningful ministries for him have been the Family Life Center, our Youth Ministry and our College/Young Adults Ministry. David prays without ceasing for opportunities to reach our community with God's love and grace



Marian Kaminski

Marian has been a member of First Baptist Church for 40 years. She is married to Oliver and has two children, Mary Victoria and Amanda. She teaches Sunday School for Kindergarten and 1st grade children and is a member of the Oasis Sunday School class. The most meaningful ministries for her have been the Living Christmas Tree and the Children's Ministry. Marian prays without ceasing that we can effectively reach others through our words and actions in sharing the Gospel with those who don't know Christ.



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Greg Rutledge

Greg has been a member of First Baptist Church for 2 years. He is married to Melissa and has three children, Kass, Chris, and Jennifer. He is a member of the Covenant Sunday School class and is also a teacher. The ministries that are most meaningful to him are teaching Adults and the Greeters Ministry. He looks forward to working in missions and construction, as well. Greg prays without ceasing for First Baptist to be a bright and steadfast beacon for Christ in spiritually dark times and known in the greater Gainesville area for not only being Godly and righteous, but doing what the Word needs done here.

Betty Brown

Betty has been a member of First Baptist Church for 50 years. She is married to Tom and has three children, Cliff, Craig and Beverly. She is a member of the Koinonia Sunday School class and the most meaningful ministries for her have been the Prison Ministry and the Youth Ministry. Betty prays without ceasing that as a church we would see Peace and let it begin with her.



Darrell White

Darrell has been a member of First Baptist Church for 7 years. He is married to Alice and has three children, Morgan, Jordan and John. He is a member of the Gathering Sunday School class and the most meaningful ministries for him have been teaching in the Youth Department, the Living Christmas Tree, Ushering and the Stephen Ministry. Darrell prays without ceasing for a spiritual revival, for our church to reach young couples and how to serve single adults.

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Danny Caudell

Danny Caudell has been a member of First Baptist Church for 35 years. He is married to Laura and has three children, Clay, Matt and Anna-Kate. He is a member of the Kindred Spirits Sunday School class. The most meaningful ministries for him have been the Men's Bible Study, being an ESOL Teacher and Ushering. Danny prays without ceasing that our church continues to be a light throughout the community and state; a light to show how we, as Christians, believe that Jesus Christ is our Savior and Lord.

Joy Banks

Joy has been a member of First Baptist Church for 18 years. She is married to Jeremy and has one child, Max. The most meaningful ministry for her has been the Family Life Center as this community has become a source of strength, encouragement and spiritual growth. Joy prays without ceasing that First Baptist grows in unity and love and reflects the heart of Jesus in all that we do. She prays that our church will show grace and compassion to our neighbors and that we are strengthened in our relationships with one another.



Jerry Johnson

Jerry has been a member of First Baptist Church for 37 years. He is married to Janice and has two children, Jerome and Jennifer. He is a member and teacher of the Oasis Sunday School class and the most meaningful ministries for him have been the Oasis Sunday School class and the Sanctuary choir. Jerry prays without ceasing that we would be the church in Gainesville, GA that exemplifies the compassion, love, and inclusiveness of Jesus and that we would be a change agent bringing others back to church and to Jesus Christ.

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Eddie Hartness

Eddie has been a member of First Baptist Church for 48 years. He is married to Ann and has a son, Russell. He is a member of the Angler's Sunday School class and is a Youth Teacher. The ministries that have been the most meaningful to him have been the Homebound Ministry, Communion Ministry, Usher Ministry and Youth Sunday School. Eddie prays without ceasing that we would excel at sharing the light of Christ throughout our community and across the world.

Cheryl McElveen

Cheryl has been a member of First Baptist Church for 68 years. She has two sons, Rimes and Zach. She is a member of the Seekers Sunday School class and the most meaningful ministries for her have been Family Promise, Promising Futures and the Youth Ministry. Cheryl prays without ceasing for more effective outreach to precious members and to reach new members while staying true to a strong Biblical message.



Abby Brewer

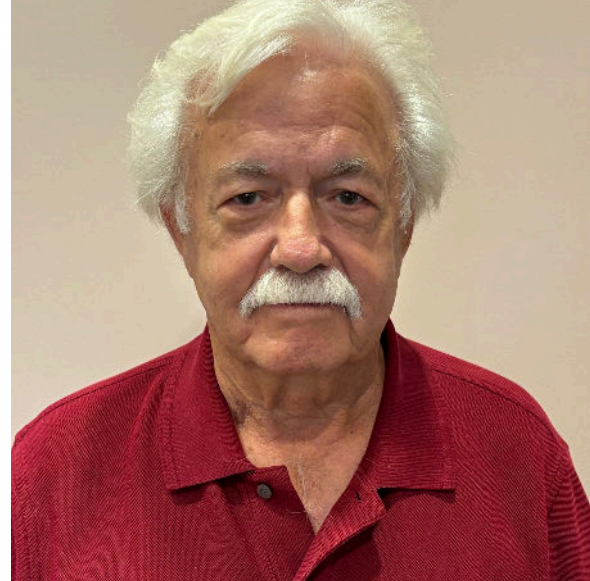
Abby has been a member of First Baptist Church for 10 years. She is married to Don Brewer and has two children, McKenzie and Casey and plays piano for the Angler's Sunday School class. The most meaningful ministries for her has been the Music Ministry and the Sanctuary Choir. Abby prays without ceasing for us to love each other and to serve God in the way He wants us to.

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Jesse Black

Jesse has been a member of First Baptist Church for 36 years. He is married to Alyce Black and teaches the Anglers Sunday School class. The most meaningful ministry for him is his Sunday School class. Jesse prays without ceasing for wisdom for our church.



Don Brewer

Don has been a member of First Baptist Church for 48 years. He is married to Abby and has two children, Jason and Stephen. He is a member of the Anglers Sunday School class and the most meaningful ministries for him have been the Sanctuary Choir, the Deacon Ministry and his Sunday School class. Don prays without ceasing that we will follow the teachings of Jesus and especially to love God and love all of our neighbors.

John Hulsey

John has been a member of First Baptist Church for 63 years. He is married to Cinda and has three children, Jonathan, Christa, Matthew and Andrew. He is a member of the Angler's Sunday School class and the most meaningful ministry for him has been the Music Ministry. John prays without ceasing that we are a bible-based church and that more young people will become involved.

