

Pastor Search Committee Candidates

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Church Conference to approve the candidates will be held on July 12, 2026 during both worship services.



Jan Best

Jan has been a faithful member of FBC of Gainesville for 30 years, actively serving in a wide variety of ministries and leadership roles. In recent years, she has served as a deacon and deacon officer, contributed to the 2025 Crossing Thresholds Visioning Committee, and remains involved in the Young Adult Ministry as a Small Group home host. Jan is also an active participant in worship through the Sanctuary Choir and Living Christmas Tree choirs.

Her long-standing commitment to the church is reflected in her past service, which includes leadership as a MOPS Coordinator, participation on a children's minister search committee, involvement in women's Bible study leadership, and service on the Family Life Advisory Committee. She has also invested in younger generations as a youth Sunday School teacher and chaperone, demonstrating a heart for discipleship across all ages.

Jan is married to her husband, Bryant, and together they have built a strong, faith-filled family. They have two daughters: Rachel, who is married to Mark and has a son, Ridge; and Laura, who will be married to Josh this September and is the mother of three sons, Jonah, Myles, and Cassian. Jan is also grateful for her parents, Nancy and Jerry Collins, who are fellow members of FBC Gainesville.

Jan is an active member of the Covenant Sunday School class, where she continues to grow in faith and fellowship while encouraging others in their spiritual journeys.



Jeff Boggan

Jeff has been a member of FBC of Gainesville since 2010 and has faithfully served in a variety of leadership and ministry roles throughout the church. His commitment to service is evident in his work as a teacher in adult Sunday School classes, as well as in his leadership as a deacon, including serving twice as Deacon Chair. Jeff has also served as a trustee and has provided guidance and direction as Chair of both the By-Laws Committee and the Strategic Implementation Committee. In addition, he has contributed to the life of the church through his involvement on the Interim Transition Committee and the Stewardship Committee.

Jeff's dedication to ministry extends across many areas of church life. He has been actively involved in worship through the Sanctuary Choir, participated in outreach through Men's Prison Ministry, and supported younger generations as a helper in Children's Ministry. His service reflects a deep commitment to both discipleship and outreach.

Jeff has been married to his wife, Beth, since 2012, and together they value family and faith. They are proud of their daughter, Madeline Maney Gamble. Jeff is an active member of the Seekers Sunday School class, where he continues to grow in faith and fellowship while investing in the lives of others.



Kim Craft

Kim has been a dedicated member of FBC Gainesville for 37 years and has faithfully served the church in a variety of roles. He has served as a deacon and is actively involved in the life of the church through multiple ministries and leadership opportunities.

Kim is a member of the Covenant Sunday School Class and participates in the Monday Morning Men's Bible Study. He also helped start a Wednesday night men's Bible study in his home, which experienced such growth within its first year that it transitioned to the church campus, where it continues to thrive today. In addition, Kim has volunteered with the youth ministry for several years and is scheduled to begin Stephen Ministry training this August.

Throughout his years at FBC Gainesville, Kim has served on numerous committees, including the Family Life Center (FLC) Committee, Long-Term Planning, Property, and Youth Committees. He also contributed to the planning and construction phases of the Banquet Hall and the new youth and children's areas.

Kim is married to Karen Craft, and together they raised their two sons at FBC Gainesville.



Lynn Fletcher

Lynn has been a faithful member of FBC since 1994, contributing more than three decades of dedicated service and leadership. Ordained as a deacon in 1997, she has served the church in numerous capacities, including two terms as secretary, and continues to offer her wisdom and support even during seasons when she is not an active deacon.

Throughout her years at FBC, Lynn has played a vital role in nurturing the spiritual life of the congregation. She has provided strong leadership in the Women's Ministry, including overseeing the Emporium for several years, and has faithfully led a weekly women's Bible study group for over two decades. Her passion for worship is reflected in her involvement with the Sanctuary Choir and the Living Christmas Tree Choir, and she previously shared her musical gifts with the Sanctuary Ringers.

Lynn's commitment extends across many areas of church life. She has served on a wide range of committees, including the Youth Committee, Education Committee, Committee on Committees, Senior Adult Committee, and the Communications Team. Currently, she contributes her experience and insight as a member of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. In years past, she and her late husband, Dick, also invested in the next generation by serving as sponsors for the Daybreak Youth Choir. Before settling at FBC, Lynn faithfully served alongside her husband, who was a chaplain in the United States Navy. Their journey took them to multiple duty stations around the country, where Lynn ministered in countless ways, leading Bible studies and support groups, teaching children, and youth, directing Vacation Bible School, and even serving as a spiritual "mom" to midshipmen at the Merchant Marine Academy.

Lynn is deeply rooted in her faith and family. She is the proud mother of four daughters: Lisa Fletcher; Julie Saxton Turner and her husband Tommy; Amy Booth and her husband Derreck; and Christy Fletcher. She is also a beloved grandmother to six grandchildren: Jack Saxton (and his wife Kathrin), Eli Saxton, Sadie Saxton, Devin Booth, Annie Booth, and Rowan Booth.

Today, Lynn remains actively engaged in the life of the church as a member of the Seekers Sunday School class, continuing her legacy of faithful service, encouragement, and Christ-centered leadership.



Marian Kaminski

Marian has been a devoted member of FBC of Gainesville for more than 40 years, faithfully serving the church through a wide range of ministries and leadership roles. Her commitment has included service on the Stewardship Committee, as a deacon, and in Children's Ministry, as well as leading adult small groups and sharing her talents as a member of the Living Christmas Tree choirs. Through these many areas of involvement, Marian has demonstrated a deep and lasting dedication to the spiritual life and community of the church.

Marian remains actively engaged in Sunday School through splitting her time between the Oasis class and teaching in the children's Sunday School program, where she continues to grow in faith and fellowship alongside others. Her long-standing service reflects a heart for discipleship, worship, and investing in the lives of those around her.

She is married to her husband, Oliver Kaminski, and together they share a rich family legacy. Marian is the daughter of Charles and Jane Moore and has two daughters: Mary Victoria Hines and Amanda Kaplan and four precious grandsons: Graham, Cameron, Luke, and Easton. Her life is a testament to faithful service, both within her family and her church community.



Tina Maddox

Tina has been a faithful member of FBC Gainesville for 37 years and has served the church in a wide variety of leadership and ministry roles. She has served as Chair of the Deacons and currently serves on the Personnel Committee. Over the years, Tina has also been actively involved on the Hospitality and Flower Committees and has taught the college Sunday School class. She currently leads the Community Sunday School Class, a role she has held for the past four years. In addition, Tina has led numerous women's Bible studies as well as Wednesday night studies.

Tina has also contributed her leadership to important church decisions through her service on previous pastor search committees, including those for Chris Burns and Tony Lankford. Beyond the local church, she currently serves on the Leadership Development Committee with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia.

Tina is married to Andy Maddox, who serves as a deacon and is an active member of the choir. They have three adult sons, Will, Jake, and Luke, all of whom are members of FBC Gainesville. Will recently moved to Atlanta and serves as a baseball coach at Georgia State University. Jake also lives in Atlanta and works for On Location Sports. Luke is currently serving as a missionary in Ukraine with The Jesus Mission.



David Shumake

David has been a faithful member of FBC of Gainesville for 25 years, consistently demonstrating a servant's heart and strong leadership within the church. He has contributed in numerous leadership roles, serving on key committees including Stewardship, Strategic Implementation, Committee on Committees, Legal (Trustee), Personnel, and the Senior Adult Advisory Committee. David served as Deacon Chair in 2023 and continues to serve as an active deacon for the 2026–2028 term, while also currently serving as a church trustee.

Deeply committed to ministry and outreach, David is actively involved in Men's Ministry and Men's Bible Study. He also participates in hands-on mission work through a partnership with Straight Street Ministry, helping build wheelchair ramps for residents in Hall County. His passion for teaching and discipleship is evident through his service across a wide range of Sunday School classes; Friendship, Joy, Grace Fellowship, Parlor, Seekers, Winsome and Kindred Spirits.

David currently serves as Co-President of the Seekers Sunday School Class and remains dedicated to fostering spiritual growth and community within the church. He and his wife, Debbie, are blessed with two sons, Brad and Will, and together they share a deep commitment to faith, family, and service.



Leann VanLandingham

Leann has been a member of FBC of Gainesville for over 11 years and has faithfully served in a variety of roles, particularly within the Children's and Youth Ministries. Her involvement has included volunteering in multiple capacities, serving as a Wednesday night children's teacher, chaperoning Sonlight, and previously contributing as a member of the Children's Committee. Through these roles, Leann has demonstrated a strong commitment to nurturing and supporting the spiritual growth of the next generation.

Leann remains actively engaged in the life of the church through her participation in Sunday School, having been involved with classes including Wing and a Prayer led by Amy Harrison and The Gathering led by Rhonda Thompson. Her heart for fellowship and discipleship is evident in her continued connection to these groups.

Leann and her husband, Jason, are the proud parents of three children, Hailey, Charlie, and Adelynn. Hailey is a sophomore at the University of Georgia, while Charlie is in the 9th grade and Adelynn is in the 7th grade. Together, their family reflects a strong foundation of faith and involvement in both church and community life.

Pastor Search Committee Chairman

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Chairman was approved at a Church Conference on June 7, 2026.



Johnny Johnson

Johnny has been a faithful member of First Baptist Church for 32 years, demonstrating a deep commitment to serving both his church family and the broader community. Over the years, he has filled many important roles, including serving as a deacon and as Chairman of the Deacons. His leadership has also extended to key areas of church governance, as he has served as Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee as well as a trustee.

Johnny's heart for ministry is evident in his willingness to serve across generations. He has invested in the lives of children and students as a children's Sunday School teacher, a Wednesday night RA leader, a Mission Friends teacher, and a chaperone for the Sonlight Youth Choir. His dedication to teaching and discipleship is further reflected in his long-standing involvement with the Covenant Class, where he has been a member, teacher, and leader for more than 32 years.

In addition to his leadership and teaching roles, Johnny has also shared his love for worship over the years as a member of the Sanctuary Choir and the Living Christmas Tree Choir, contributing to the spiritual life of the congregation through music.

Johnny's commitment to faith and family go hand in hand. He is married to Lisa Johnson, who serves as the Director of the FBC Day School. Together, they have raised two children, Thomas Johnson and Mary Katherine Walker.

Through decades of faithful service, Johnny continues to be a steady and encouraging presence at FBC, faithfully living out his calling to serve Christ and others.