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Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church

OFFICER NOMINEE INTRODUCTIONS



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OFFICES

According to Scripture, those who bear office in the Church should exhibit certain characteristics of life. This includes being above reproach, sound in the faith, wise in the things of God, and discreet in all things. Persons who fill these offices should exhibit a lifestyle that is an example to all, both in and outside the Church. They should be mature in the faith, be people of wisdom and discretion, and should have adequate training to equip them for their calling. For more information, see the Book of Order at epc.org/downloads.

RULING ELDERS

In the Old Testament, the office of Elder was established for the oversight of the Church. In the New Testament, this office is continued. Ruling Elders are to watch over the spiritual welfare of the congregation. The Ruling Elder shares authority with the Teaching Elder in all of the courts of the Church, in both rights and duties. It is the first duty of the Ruling Elder to represent the mind of Christ, as that person understands it, in the various courts of the Church.

DEACONS

The office of Deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, concern for needs, and of serving others. Therefore, the first duty of the Deacon is sympathy and service. Historically, to this office has been given the duty of being the Church's instrument for the ministry of compassion.

TRUSTEES

Trustees shall have the power, upon authorization from the local church, to buy, sell, and mortgage real property, accept and execute deeds, to hold and defend titles to the same, and to assume other such related duties as may be assigned to them.

** Designates individual would be ordained for the first time. Others would be installed.*

LEADERSHIP NOMINEE INTRODUCTIONS

CLASS OF 2021

Signal Pres has been blessed with a legacy of strong, servant-hearted leadership in the offices of Elder, Deacon, and Trustee. Elections for the next class of officers will take place during a congregational meeting on Sunday, October 14 following the 10:45 AM service. In preparation for that meeting (and please do make plans to attend) we invite you to take a few minutes to get to know the nominees. Each of these men and women has been nominated by the congregation and the nominating committee and approved by the Session. Members of this year's nominating committee were Bruce Novkov, Doug Gregory, Joe McCall, Warren Sinor, Harrison McCants, Mary Hollingsworth, Carol Whitfield, and Hugh Brown.

RULING ELDER NOMINEES



ANDRÉ DANTZLER*

I'm married to Jennifer and have a 25 year old daughter, Ashley, who is a math teacher at Ringgold High School; a 17 year old son, Isaac, who's a senior at SMMHS; and a one year old son, Maxwell. I am an entrepreneur and have a small tech company called SociallyU. We work a lot with ministries around the world.

Member Since: Well, that's a good question. I don't really know exactly, but maybe 14 years ago?

What excites you most about serving as an Elder?

I love our church. It's a great church and we have gone through some substantial changes over the last few years. I'm excited to come alongside the leadership to help us continue in this transition and grow and change as a body.

What ministries have you been involved in?

Before Signal Pres, we helped start a small denominational church where we led the children's ministry and helped lead worship. At Signal Pres, I have been involved most heavily in the youth, teaching and helping with technology and A/V. I was also involved years ago with a contemporary service that we did as well as some ChristmasFest.

What are some of your hobbies?

As an entrepreneur, I spend a lot of time studying sales and marketing systems and, yes, I think that's fun. I have recently gotten into chocolate truffle making. I love hanging out and playing with my kids.

Who in the church has had the most significant influence on you?

I have been inspired by Chuck Zeiser and the impact he has made on the world for Christ. He has been someone who has gently led many ministry efforts and it is clear that his focus is on helping the world know Christ more. Blaise Baxter is someone that has continually been a source of encouragement for me. He is always focused on helping others and being excellent and also fun at everything he does. Lee Behar is someone that has helped me in many ways. I especially appreciate his insight in how to help ministries grow and scale.



JULIE FOREMAN*

I am married to Cliff Foreman, who is a professor at Covenant College. I have three sons, two daughters-in-law, and six grandsons. I live in Lookout Mountain, Georgia.

Member Since: I believe my husband and I joined Signal Pres in 2010.

What excites you most about serving as an Elder?

I am excited about serving the Lord in a new capacity within the church, and look forward to seeing ways I might contribute as the church seeks God for direction for the future.

What ministries have you been involved in?

Prior to coming to Signal Pres, I taught the Bethel Bible series, and I taught the Bible to Cambodian refugee adults and children at Elliot Presbyterian church in Lowell, Massachusetts. After I moved to Lookout Mountain in 1986, I taught the Bible in the women's ministry of Lookout Pres for a number of years, and my husband and I led a small group. I also taught fourth and fifth grade Sunday school classes two separate years and helped with VBS. I sang in the choir at Lookout Pres. At Signal Pres, I have been a small group facilitator for WOW and a Bible teacher for the Women's Circles. I taught in the teacher training course for the Bethel Bible series. I have also done a small amount of adult Sunday school teaching, and I helped with VBS one summer.

What are some of your hobbies?

I love spending time with my children and grandchildren. I also enjoy walking, reading, knitting, and quilting.

Who in the church has had the most significant influence on you?

The person in the church who has had the most influence on me was my father. He passed away when I was 25, but he had consistently encouraged me to follow the Lord, both by his example and through his ministry as my pastor and dad. I would be hard pressed to name any one person who has particularly influenced me at Signal Pres. I have been greatly blessed by the ministry of the church, by the people I have gotten to know, and by the warmth and kindness shown to my husband and I over the last eight years.



T.W. FRANCESCONE, JR.

I am a follower of Jesus, husband (of 15 years) to Laurel; Dad to Thomas (12), Noah (10), & Bella (8); I work at Southern Champion Tray in human resources

Member Since: I've grown up at Signal Pres and officially joined on May 7, 1989 after going through Confirmation Class as a 12 yr. old.

What excites you most about serving as an Elder?

Having grown up at Signal Pres and now getting to raise our children at Signal Pres, I count it a true privilege to serve the Lord's Church. It's an exciting time in the life of Signal Pres with the Renew Process and watching how the Lord is leading and guiding us as his people.

What ministries have you been involved in?

At Signal Pres, I was able to serve on staff as a Youth Director while I was in college at UTC; I later served as a volunteer youth leader / D-Group Leader, Deacon, Elder, on the Personnel Ministry, and had the opportunity of serving on the Pastoral Search Committees for Andy Cornett, Scott Bowen, and Joey Sherrard.

What are some of your hobbies?

I love hanging out with our family; going on dates with my bride; coaching Thomas and Noah in baseball; participating in Indian Princess (a father / daughter program) with Bella; serving our community; working out; and church softball

Who in the church has had the most significant influence on you?

My parents, Tom & Del Francescon; Bill Dudley; Scott Bowen; and too many to mention "heroes" of the faith I have watched and learned from throughout my life . . . a few include: Jim Abel, Chuck Zeiser, Joyce Hill, Jackie Carson, Barby Wilson . . . and my friend, David Heinichen.



MARK W. FUNK*

I am husband to Jennifer Funk and Father to Elizabeth (15) and Liam (12). I'm employed by Cigna Healthspring and I manage the Medicare Claims Team.

Member Since: Jennifer and I joined Signal Pres about 18 years ago.

What excites you most about serving as an Elder?

I'm most excited to see what God has planned for Signal Pres. This church is such a vital part of our lives and our community, I'm simply excited to see how God will use our church to his greater purpose.

What ministries have you been involved in?

I have had the opportunity to serve in many capacities at Signal Pres. Like many parents, we have been involved with the children's program helping in Sunday School classes, and Wednesday nights up through 5th grade. In recent years I have served as a Deacon, where I was pleased to serve on the congregational life committee and assisted in coordinating the construction crew for a couple years of our Haiti Mission Team. In the last three years I have been more involved with the music ministry assisting on the worship team. I have most enjoyed this opportunity to serve the Lord and praise him through song!

What are some of your hobbies?

I enjoy physical activities like swimming, biking, and running. I also have a deep love for music through playing the guitar, bass, and singing with a group of fellow believers (many are Signal Pres members). Hiking with my family has also been an area that I have recently enjoyed and I had a proud dad moment when we hiked across the Grand Canyon together as a family.

Who in the church has had the most significant influence on you?

I have been influenced by many of the faithful saints of our church, some have served us a Prayer Warriors, others as loving friends, and even others with simply their faithful presence week after week and year after year. God has blessed me and my family by sharing other believers with us that are and have been his hand and feet.



TOMMY HAYSLETT

Amanda is my wife of 21 years; and we have 3 children—Elizabeth (12th grader), Nelson (10th grader) and Rebecca (8th grader). My paying work is as a lawyer at Miller & Martin.

Member Since: Not 100% sure; somewhere in the 2000-2002 window.

What excites you most about serving as an Elder?

The opportunity to get better at connecting with the individuals in our congregation; the responsibility to pray for our church body; the opportunity to be a voice and a presence that is helpful to graciously working through challenges within the body; and the responsibility to be both an encourager and a counsel to the teaching elders who are called to Signal Pres.

What ministries have you been involved in?

At Signal Pres, as a deacon for 2 terms; as an elder for a term that concludes this coming December; as a Trustee currently; as an occasional adult Sunday School teacher in the summer and currently as a rotating teacher for an adult Sunday School class; as a current volunteer for NightOWLS; for several years (including currently) on the Community Ministries committee, including as a past chairman for a few years; for several years as an adult leader of “5th” (Wednesday night program for 5th graders); and presently on the Board of The House – UTC Campus Ministry (with which Signal Pres has an enduring relationship).

What are some of your hobbies?

Visiting national parks and engaging in related outdoor activities (hiking, camping, etc.); golf; following University of Virginia athletics.

Who in the church has had the most significant influence on you?

There are many peers that influence me on a daily basis in a constantly shaping manner, like the persistent flow of creek water smoothing a stone. But aside from that, several couples, who are just a few years older than Amanda and me, were influential in our finding a home at Signal Pres and have been people who we both have observed as married couples and have tried to model our own marriage after—in particular Carl and Sue Steele, Gary and Ann Davis, Danny and Beth Dotson, and Scott and Margaret Ferguson. We are grateful for how their “ordinary life” has mentored us, even though the mentoring likely has been entirely unbeknownst to them.



JOHN KINARD

I’m John. Also known as Allyson’s husband or Faye’s son.

Member Since: 1996

What excites you most about serving as an Elder?

I’m not so sure that “excites” is the right word. I feel terribly humbled by my unworthiness and lack of ability

to consistently meet the high bar of qualifications of Elder. Serving in this capacity forces me (again and again) to reflect on my position as one who lives under grace. I am excited about the future of our church, just as I am excited about the present. I believe that we are uniquely positioned in this place, at this time, for a specific purpose.

What ministries have you been involved in?

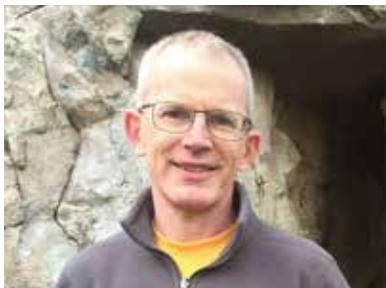
I have previously served as Deacon, Elder, on the missions committee, and with the Boy Scouts. My favorite place of ministry has been teaching, along with Steve Tipps, the 5th grade boy's Sunday School.

What are some of your hobbies?

I like to play in the garage and build stuff. Call me a "gear-head." I also enjoy anything that involves being with my family...with Allyson, Mom, my boys (and their wives) and now, especially, our grand-kids. Can cooking an Argentine "asado" be considered a hobby? If so, I'm guilty of that too. We enjoy traveling, seeing new places, and reconnecting in the old places.

Who in the church has had the most significant influence on you?

There are quite a few folks who have had significant influence on me: Scott Bowen (and all of our pastors!): He consistently bring God's word to us...challenging us to look at our relationship with God (and the world around us) in light of God's word, not our feelings. Preach on, brother!; Eric Merkle and Sandy McMillan: men who are willing to humbly do the tough and dirty jobs that no one else finds attractive; Julie Baumgartner: A woman whose mission is to strengthen families and marriages; Brad and Patti Wier, Pam Fields, and Cindy Hynds: Faithfully walking with God and seeking to honor him regardless of the method he chooses for healing; Numerous men and women who consistently seek to honor God in their businesses and business relationships; and Faye Kinard: A woman who walks and talks with her Savior.



DAN STANLEY

Member Since: I have been at Signal Pres for 18 years.

What excites you most about serving as an Elder?

It gives me an opportunity to try to be part of making this church a place where people can have a platform for reaching out to others, and for spiritual formation for healthy families. There are opportunities for building into other people's lives and partnering with brothers and sisters to help one another live a life which is pleasing to the Lord.

What ministries have you been involved in?

I have been involved in many aspects of church life, including community ministries, men's ministries, youth ministries, planning, and teaching.

What are some of your hobbies?

Mentoring young people and doing outdoor activities with my family.

Who in the church has had the most significant influence on you?

Tim Filston, Bruce Zeiser, Tom Hayslett, Carter Newbold, Bob Berry, Thad Whitfield, Peggy LaRochelle and

Melissa Stanley. The thing that I am most appreciative of is that there have been multiple people who have mentored my children in many wonderful ways.



STEVE TIPPS

I am husband to Mary Leslie, father to Beth Tipps and Katelyn Dowlen, and I am currently practicing as an Oral Surgeon.

Member Since: Around 1990.

What excites you most about serving as an Elder?

I'm excited about being more strategically positioned to assist in serving the membership in their spiritual formation and caring for the body.

What ministries have you been involved in?

I have served as a Sunday school teacher, D group leader, Deacon, Elder, personnel committee member, missions committee member, evangelism committee member, and session representative to PDS.

What are some of your hobbies?

Fishing, hunting, used to be a pilot, grandkids.

Who in the church has had the most significant influence on you?

The following have had a significant influence on me: Bill Dudley, Jerry Ferrari, Chuck Zeiser, Reid Henson, Jim Abel, Jim McCall, and Carl and Sue Steele.



JOHN WILSON

I have been married to the former Karen Murphy for 36 years and am the father of 3 grown sons, Josh (31), Murphy (27), and John Ryan (21). Both Karen and I were born and raised in the Chattanooga area but not on Signal Mountain.

Member Since: We joined right before Josh was born, early 1987.

What excites you most about serving as an Elder?

Excites me? Nothing, it scares me to death.

What ministries have you been involved in?

I've been both a D-Group leader and a member of the Sanctuary Choir since 1988. I've also served as a Deacon and an Elder in the past, but I think I last went off the Session 18 years ago in 2000.

What are some of your hobbies?

My three favorite hobbies are cycling, cycling, and cycling and a close 4th is sampling different craft beers.

Who in the church has had the most significant influence on you?

Wow, probably the hardest question of them all. I'm going to exclude pastors as all of them poured into my life in one way or another. The other names that come to mind and at different stages of my life include but are not limited to: Steve Mitchell, Hayne Steen, Tony Boals, Glen Baird, Bruce Zeiser, David Higgins, Danny Dotson, and there are countless others.

DEACON NOMINEES



WELLS BLAKE

Husband to Deborah, father to Emily, and an Auburn graduate.

Member Since: 1994

What excites you most about serving as an Deacon?

Just being a servant and doing what is asked.

What ministries have you been involved in?

I have been a deacon twice before. I work with the communion services. I also work with 5th grade Agape Club.

What are some of your hobbies?

Golf and travel.

Who in the church has had the most significant influence on you?

Glenn Baird and Bruce Novkov.



JOSH BLOCKLEY

I am a dentist in Red Bank. My wife's name is Tara, and we have two dogs named Jack and Hazel.

Member Since: 1993

What excites you most about serving as an Deacon?

Being able to serve as a deacon has been a very gratifying and humbling experience. I have found joy in being able to help others in the church and being able to serve those in our community at whatever capacity was needed.

What ministries have you been involved in?

My wife and I are currently D-group leaders for the SM2 student ministry at Signal Pres. We have enjoyed being able to mentor the same group of guys and girls starting in 6th grade all the way up to the current 10th grade.

What are some of your hobbies?

My wife and I enjoy several hobbies together including going to the movies, riding roller coasters, and bass fishing.

Who in the church has had the most significant influence on you?

Even though there have been several people in the church who have been a great influence, the one person who comes to mind is Frank Peele. Frank was my D-group leader when I was growing up in the church. I have always valued our conversations together, and he continues to be a great source of wisdom even to this day.



JEFF CLAXTON

Husband to Melissa, father to Ryan (22) and Taylor (20).

Member Since: 2005

What excites you most about serving as an Deacon?

I really have enjoyed my time as a D-Group leader for SM2 student ministry and look forward continuing to serve in that area.

What ministries have you been involved in?

Deacon and D-Group leader.

What are some of your hobbies?

I have several but with a home renovation project ongoing for the past year+, my hobby now mostly consists of working around the house.

Who in the church has had the most significant influence on you?

Jim Wakim, Joe McCall, and Bruce Zeiser.



KATHERINE PAYNE HURST*

I am married to Branen Hurst. We have 3 awesome kiddos- Payne, 7th grade at SMMHS, Jack, 4th grade at Thrasher Elementary, and Wren, 2nd grade at Thrasher Elementary. I grew up in a suburb of Atlanta, GA in Roswell. I attended the University of Georgia, where I met Branen. We moved to Chattanooga when we returned from our honeymoon and moved to Signal Mountain 10 years ago.

Member Since: 2005

What excites you most about serving as a Deacon?

Serving as a deacon within our church is such an honor and I am looking forward to learning more about how our church functions. I love the idea of being able to serve in different areas of our church. I prayed this past spring that God would use me where he wanted me because I was feeling a little disconnected from our church at the time. I was involved with the children's ministry for so many years as my children were young, but I wanted to be involved in another area of the church moving forward. Within a week I received a letter to attend a meeting about being a D-group leader in SM2, and after much prayer I jumped in and I am loving this new found role with such wonderful co-leaders and such amazing girls in the 6th grade! When I got the call about being a deacon I was shocked, but so very excited about this opportunity. God definitely heard my prayer back in the spring and I am so thankful for where he is leading me.

What ministries have you been involved in?

WOW Bible study, Apples of Gold Bible study, Sunday school teacher, Kingdom Kids, Mountain Movers, VBS, PDS, D-Group leader, and I help organize meal trains and other efforts for families in need.

What are some of your hobbies?

I love being outside doing anything from hiking or just walking to riding bikes! I love to travel and see new places and I also enjoy doing anything crafty or creative when I have time, which isn't very often these days!

Who in the church has had the most significant influence on you?

There are so many people whom I have come to love within our church over the years, however I know there are a couple that I feel have played a significant role in my faith journey and involvement in the church. Jean Smith is the first person who comes to mind. I was in her small group with WOW for many years and feel that I learned so very much from her. She shared her wisdom with me in these groups and opened my mind to a faith that I had never experienced. Another group of women that I would love to mention are my leaders from the Apples of Gold Bible study that I did a few years back. This was by far my favorite study that I have done over the years. It was such a sweet time that I looked forward to each Tuesday night. These women were such wonderful mentors to me during this time and ever since. I met my good friend, Niki Thomas, in this study, who later passed away from cancer. We came together again as a group while Niki was battling lung and brain cancer and I will never forget that time. Peggy LaRochelle was one of these leaders and she was such a strong prayer warrior for Niki during this time. It was wonderful to lean on her during this difficult journey. Allison Webb, Jean Petree, and Mary Leslie Tipps were the other leaders in this study and it was such a blessing getting to know these delightful women and hearing their stories. I learned that while there might be a few years between us in age, we are sharing such similar experiences with our families, husbands, and children. We cried together, laughed together, and shared wonderful meals together around Mrs. Webb's dining room table each week. It was a time I will never forget.



KIM MARTIN*

I am wife of Bryan Martin, mother of Bryan (25), who lives and works in Chattanooga, and David (23), who is in grad school at Ole Miss. I grew up on Signal Mountain and have lived up here most of my life, except for when first married we lived in North Chattanooga for 5 years.

Member Since: 1992

What excites you most about serving as a Deacon?

I'm excited about serving in this capacity to see exactly what the Lord has in mind. I truly sensed a complete peace about this and have seen the Lords hand in the things he has lead me to. I'm excited to see what he will do!

What ministries have you been involved in?

I have served as a D-group leader, on different prayer teams, as a Bible Study leader, and as a neighborhood group co-leader.

What are some of your hobbies?

I enjoy morning quiet time, Bible study, time with family and friends, walking and enjoying the creation around us, exercise class with friends, being with others, and in general living life together. And also prepping for guests.

Who in the church has had the most significant influence on you?

Dr. Dudley and Glenn Baird have been two of the most significant influences in our church along with several others.



LINAY ROGERS

I'm Linay Rogers, wife of William and Momma to Augusta (14) and Liam (8). I'm trying my best to balance the roles of: wife, mom, small business administrative assistant, and seminary student.

Member Since: 2009

What excites you most about serving as a Deacon?

1) to tangibly give back in service to our church because of what the body of Christ has meant to my family
2) to have three more years of working alongside some extremely fun people who have become great friends
3) intentionally plugging in or staying connected to our members.

What ministries have you been involved in?

Past: WOW, Discipleship group member and leader, NightOWLS, In His Service, various VBS roles, various Sunday school teaching & SM2 roles.

Current: Beatitude Living leader, Deacon, Disciple/Confirmation teacher in Spring

Future: 2018 6th grade D-group leader (I have graciously been granted a delayed start) Truth be told--this has been my favorite serving role to date!

What are some of your hobbies?

Family, trail running, yoga, boating, camping, and anything and everything that involves history.

Who in the church has had the most significant influence on you?

Ladies of Beatitude Living-- the most courageous, real, and wise women I have had the privilege to walk alongside.



GREG SCHULTZ*

My wife is Valerie and our boys are Nicholas (5) and Noah (3). I currently work for Tennessee Valley Authority in Chattanooga and I am also in the Air Force Reserves. Valerie and I are both from Indiana and most of our family still lives in the Indianapolis/Fort Wayne region.

Member Since: 2013

What excites you most about serving as a Deacon?

I am excited about giving back to our church and becoming engaged in different ways. Having moved to Signal with no family in the area, our church has been our family and some of our closest friends go to Signal Pres. Having young children, I feel like we know many of the families through our kids but do not know members that are in different stages of life. I am looking forward to serving the church and getting to know people in other stages of life. Since I am relatively new to the church, I hope to bring a perspective to the church regarding new members.

What ministries have you been involved in?

I had the amazing opportunity to join the youth on the Colorado Venture trip last year, as well as on this year's Trek middle school retreat. I really enjoyed serving in this capacity and feel like I definitely grew more in my walk with Christ by attending these trips and connecting with the students. I have also served on several committees at our church: the new youth intern committee and the stewardship committee. I was part of a discipleship group the past two years with Andy Cornett and am now facilitating a new discipleship group that just started this Fall.

What are some of your hobbies?

Cycling, trail running, music, eating and cooking new and interesting foods, traveling, and learning the guitar. I wrestled in high school, college and for a time while I was in the Army--when I moved here I helped out as one of the assistant wrestling coaches at SMMHS. I would like to continue to help in years to come as a high school/middle school coach.

Who in the church has had the most significant influence on you?

Scott Bowen, Andy Cornett, Joey Sherrard, Jimmy Latham - In different ways our pastors and leaders have had a tremendous influence on my life. Not an exhaustive list; Doug Gregory, Amy Haddock, Treena Smith - Taught Valerie and I for the 2 year the Bethel Series; Banning Stack, Carter Newbold, John Kinard - Friends and neighbors who have been there for me and my family; Dan Stanley/Melissa Stanley - Our family treasures the Stanleys. Dan is a friend of mine and has had a tremendous influence on me. I am sure I am missing many more but these are the ones that initially come to mind.



BANNING STACK

I'm married to the lovely Jessica Stack. I have two wonderful and rambunctious little girls, Rachel (5) and Sally (almost 3), two dogs (Baloo and Toby) and one cat (Ted). I like to learn, listen to music, work on my business pursuit, do house projects, hang out with friends, and exercise.

Member Since: 2014

What excites you most about serving as a Deacon?

To help those in need while having fellowship with brothers and sisters.

What ministries have you been involved in?

Diaconate, EQUIP Presenter (God & Money), Discipleship Groups, Bag boy (Wednesday night dinners) Serve Saturday, and FISH Volunteer.

What are some of your hobbies?

Exercising in fun ways (running, weights, hiking, unicycling, push-up competitions), learning to play the guitar, and going for drives

Who in the church has had the most significant influence on you?

Joey Sherrard



MARK WILSON*

I have a wonderful wife, Caroline, and two sweet daughters, Mary Allen and Laurel. I enjoy spending time with the family, fly fishing, and being outdoors. I have worked at Sequoyah Nuclear plant for 8 years and am currently a project manager.

Member Since: 2016

What excites you most about serving as a Deacon?

I'm excited to be a part of a body of believers that is interested in growing, serving, and expanding the Gospel on the mountain and beyond.

What ministries have you been involved in?

At Mississippi State, I served on the Wesley Foundation Leadership Team for my junior and senior years. Here at Signal Pres, I have assisted with Kingdom Kids and been involved with a men's small group Bible study on Monday nights.

What are some of your hobbies?

My hobbies include fly fishing, being in the mountains of western North Carolina, and golf.

Who in the church has had the most significant influence on you?

For influence, I would say that it started with the kids, now young adults, of this church that Caroline taught

at Signal Mountain Christian School. She would come home and tell me how knowledgeable all of these first and second graders were on the content of the Bible. That left a vivid and lasting impression on us. The vast majority of those student's families are active members and leaders in this church and we are looking to those families as a living example of the path we want for our family.

TRUSTEE NOMINEES



SAM ELLIOTT

I'm the husband of Karen, father of Mary Claire and Sarah Anne.

Member Since: 1988

What excites you most about serving as a Trustee?

That I can use the gift of administration given to me to serve our Lord and our church.

What ministries have you been involved in?

I have taught Sunday school, served on committees, been an usher, served on the diaconate and the Session and as a trustee previously.

What are some of your hobbies?

Watching sports, researching and writing history, reading, and visiting battlefields

Who in the church has had the most significant influence on you?

Members of my small group, Bill Dudley and other pastors, Joe Ferguson, and people with whom I have served on the Session.



JACK LONDON

I am Jack London and my lovely wife Edna and I just had our 49th wedding anniversary. I have two great children and five grandchildren. I am a CPA and have several other certifications. I do normal accounting and tax as well as business valuations, forensic accounting, and fraud investigations.

Member Since: 2004

What excites you most about serving as a Trustee?

The church is an important part of my life. Anything I can do for the church is important to me.

What ministries have you been involved in?

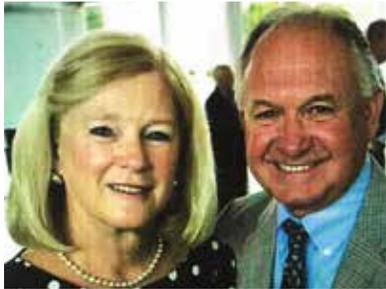
I have been on three mission trips, I am a Stephen Minister, and I am currently the chair of the Community Mission Committee.

What are some of your hobbies?

I am a retired golfer. Currently I enjoy reading, gardening, and hanging out with my wife.

Who in the church has had the most significant influence on you?

There are many people in the church who have had a significant influence on me. Dr. Dudley, Tim Filston, Margaret Ferguson, my Sunday School teachers, Scott Bowen, Joey Sherrard and many others.



ROGER SMITH

My name is Roger Smith. I am retired after 33 years with BB&T Huffaker Insurance. I've been married to my wife Claire for 44 years, and we have 2 children and 3 grandchildren.

Member Since: 1993

What excites you most about serving as a Trustee?

I have served as a Trustee previously and feel my knowledge of insurance and property dealings can be used in this position.

What ministries have you been involved in?

I have served 1 term as Deacon, 4 terms as an Elder, and 1 term as a Trustee. All at Signal Pres.

What are some of your hobbies?

I enjoy boating, playing golf, watching college football, and spending time with my grandchildren.

Who in the church has had the most significant influence on you?

Dr. Bill Dudley and my Bible Study group, which has stayed together since 1991.