FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

WILMINGTON, NC



2027

NOMINATING COMMITTEE & DEACON ELECTION TEAM REPORT



November 2026

In accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws, listed below are the Nominating Committee's nominees for the various offices and standing committees and for the Leadership Council.

Report of the Nominating Committee First Baptist Church, Wilmington

Bryan Barkley, Paul Bender, Ron Braswell, Kim Golder, Chris Johnson, Margaret Kotz, Coleman Long, Sandy Lyons, Perri Miley, Andy Motley, Courtney Thomas, Jeannie Troutman, and Tom West. ***Chair: Donna Walden***

NOMINEES FOR OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH

Church Clerk	***Janet Nelson***	'27
Treasurer	***Tyler Thomas***	'27
Assist. Treasurer	***Marvin Green***	'27
Assist. Treasurer	***Jim Phillips***	'27
Assist. Treasurer	***Marc Gilson***	'27
Assist. Treasurer	***Laura Abrams***	'27
Secretary of Corp	***Jim Phillips***	'27
Historian	***Deak Walden***	'27

NOMINEES FOR STANDING COMMITTEES

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Ron Braswell	'27
Neal Huggins	*'28*
Jennifer Tuttle	***'29***

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Mary Claire Barnhill	'27
Tom Jones	'27
Tyler Thomas	'27
Lewis Deans	*'28*
Phil Marion	*'28*
Brooke Sumner	*'28*
Josh Barbour	***'29***
Brandon Haines	***'29***
Karen Harmon	***'29***

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Hannah Cropper	'27
Joe Capell	'27
Linda Collins	*'28*
Rick Miley	*'28*
Philip Sutton	***'29***
Bob Thornton	***'29***

MISSIONS AND MINISTRY

Jeff Barnhill	'27
Lisa Bertini	'27
Warren Garrison	'27
Blair Highsmith	'27
Chris Seng	'27
Jeff Brunsink	*'28*
Mary Ann Gallo	*'28*
Jeff Holcomb	*'28*
Verne Seaton	*'28*
Mary Beth Strickland	*'28*
Jim Everette	***'29***
Gary Harris	***'29***
Susan Inman	***'29***
Heather Sutton	***'29***
Caitlin Tuttle	***'29***

PERSONNEL

Mike Cockerham	'27
Margaret Lopatka	'27
Mary Beth Parker	'27
Janet Nelson	*'28*
Randy Pembrook	*'28*
Richard Pratt	*'28*
Laura Blair	***'29***
Kate Groat	***'29***
David Hill	***'29***

TRUSTEES

Beth Upton	'27
Jonathan Calhoun	*'28*
Myra Norris	*'28*
Jim Phillips	*'28*
Coleman Long	***'29***
Deak Walden	***'29***

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIR NOMINEES FOR 2027

Audit	***Ron Braswell***
Financial Management	***Tyler Thomas***
Missions and Ministry	***Chris Seng***
Personnel	***Mike Cockerham***

BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIR NOMINEE FOR 2027

Beth Upton

In accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws, listed below are the Deacon Election Team's nominees for the 2027-2028 Deacons and Officers.

Report of the Deacon Election Team
First Baptist Church, Wilmington

Ron Braswell, Linda Collins, Jayne Davis, Becca Jones, Barrett Owen, Mark Steelman, and Beth Upton.

SMALL GROUP DEACON NOMINEES (2027-2028 TERM)

- Katie Evans for The Bridge Class
- Courtney Thomas for The Bridge Class
- Lisa Bertini for Circle of Hope
- Jeff Tanner for Hengeveld Class
- Coleman Long for Intergenerational
- Tom Jones for Listening to One Another
- Sarah Seaton for Listening to One Another
- Mike Chenault for Meet in the Middle
- Marilyn Ward for Merry Marthas
- Jac Croom for Young Adults
- Karl Williams for Young Families Class

AT-LARGE DEACON NOMINEES (2027-2028 TERM)

- ENan Baldwin
- Ken Caswell
- Travis Cooke
- Daniel Cropper
- Lisa Everette
- Pam Fallis
- Vick Griffin
- Kimberly Harris
- Jeff Holcomb
- Andy Jones
- Andy Motley
- Sue Whitmore
- Betty Wynne

OFFICERS

- Chair: ***Mark Steelman***
- Vice Chair: ***Vick Griffin***
- Secretary: ***Mary Claire Barnhill***

The First Baptist Church
Regular Meeting, November 22, 2026

Draft Agenda:

- Call to Order.....Reverend Dr. J. Barrett Owen, Senior Pastor and Moderator, Presiding
- Prayer
- Adoption of Agenda
- Adoption of Meeting Standing Rules
- Appointment of Minutes Approval Committee
- Appointment of Parliamentarian
- Report of Senior Pastor
- Reports of Standing Committees:
  - Report of the Financial Management Committee.....Mike Kincaid, Chair
  - Report of the Deacon Election Team.....Beth Upton, Chair
  - Report of the Nominating Committee.....Donna Walden, Chair
- New Business:
- Announcements:
  - ***The Annual Meeting of the Church will be held on March 7, 2027, Smith Hall, First Baptist Church Activity Center.*** A Chili Dinner begins at 5:30 PM followed by the Annual Meeting at 6:00 PM.
- Other Announcements
- Adjourn