Ministry Councils

Christian Formation-Adults
Leader: Cathy Gilkeson, 28
Jim Early, 27
Bob Porter, 27
David Rayburn, 27
Jan Busey, 28
Ivy Briggs, 28
Brenda Crawford, 29
Patricia Glazener, 29
Cheston Hurst, 29
*Amy Stertz

Christian Formation-Children & Students
Leader: Mandi Boyd, 28
Brett Baddorf, 27
Joan Carter, 27
Tambi Swiney, 27
Peggy Henderson, 28
Melinda Hopkins, 28
Adrianne Cornett, 29
Katy Emmert, 29
Sharlena Thomas, 29
*Amy Stertz

Congregational Worship
Leader: Jessica West, 28
Mary Daniels, 27
Lori Hilliard, 27
Donna Lewis, 27
Jacob Harwood, 28
Sarah Kehrberg, 28
Elizabeth Ramsaur, 29
Tony Ramsetter, 29
Mary Lynne Woro, 29
*Justin Addington

Mission
Leader: Dale England, 27
Karen Florian, 27
George Bashor, 27
Sandy Carter, 28
Christie Dresback, 28
Jim Worley, 28
Lisa Barnett, 29
Lee Logan, 29
John Plant, 29
*Casey Callahan

Communications & Outreach
Curt Arledge, 29
Keith Bamberger, 27
Anne Raybon, 27
Sam Rogers, 27
Elizabeth Ramseur, 28
Charlie Glazener, 29
Molly McGowen Gorsuch, 29
Martha Worley, 29
Brenda Gorsuch, 28
*Casey Callahan

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Church Staff

Pastoral Staff

Justin Addington, Pastor of Music and Worship
Will Arledge, Pastor of Youth and Young Adults
Casey Callahan, Coordinating Pastor
Mack Dennis, Senior Pastor
Paula Garrett, Pastoral Resident
Amy Stertz, Pastor of Christian Formation and Children

Operations

Wally Davids, Director of Operations and Finance
Vlad Iurco, Facilities Manager

Ministry Assistants

Lori Pruitt, Operations and Finance Assistant

Ashley Stevenson, Ministry Assistant with Christian Formation and Children

Heather Swanson, Assistant to the Senior Pastor, Director, Center for Faith and Life

Sarah Whitlock, Ministry Assistant with Students and Missions

Maintenance and Support Staff

Sarah Bates, Housekeeping Assistant
Lucille Geter-Tobe, Housekeeping Manager
Angela Malanka, Housekeeping Assistant & Cook
Ivan Malanka, Maintenance Manager
Richie Olsen, Maintenance Assistant
Tom Seals, Maintenance Assistant
Jill Coppock, Communications Assistant (remote)

Church Leadership

New leaders will begin their service on September 1, 2026 and end on August 31 the following year. Years listed alongside designate the year the term ends.

Board of Deacons

Term Expires 2027	Term Expires 2028	Term Expires 2029
Don Charles	Brett Baddorf	Curt Arledge
Carleton Collins	Susan Blackmon	Barry Gold
Jim DeGrave	Leesa Brandon	Susan Greene
Sandra Frempong	Beverly Pennell	Terry Hamrick
Bob Gilkeson	Carlos Collazo	Peggy Henderson
Beth Hattaway	Linda Hughes	Dennis Hill
Dorothy Porter	Mary Frick	Liz Jones
Chelsea Setzer	Jeff Gorsuch	Rob Moench
Tambi Swiney	Jeanne Dresback	Bree Welmaker
Ray Verm	Beattie Logan	Jim Worley

Life Deacons

Bob Busey	Wayne Jewsbury	Sandra Martin
Cliff Christian	Dot Hampton	Bill Parker
Ed Graham	Wade Hampton	Glenn Wilcox, Sr.
		Betty Towery

Deacon Officers

Carleton Collins, Chair
Jeff Gorsuch, Vice-Chair
Jeanne Dresback, 2nd Vice-Chair
Jim DeGrave, 3rd Vice-Chair
Barry Gold, 3rd Vice-Chair Elect
Chelsea Setzer, Secretary

Church Officers

Church Clerk - Patricia Glazener
Church Historian - Wayne Caldwell

Support Committees

Finance

Chair: Paul Swiney, 27
Jed Welmaker, 27
Bobbie Short, 27
Tim Carter, 28
Linda Hughes, 28
Sharon Tabor, 28
Nancy Flippin, 29
Eric Jackson, 29
Bruce Young, 29
*Wally Davids, Casey Callahan

Personnel

Chair: Jeff Gorsuch, 28
Carleton Collins, Deacon Chair
Paul Swiney, Finance Chair
Judy Hamrick, 27
Sharon Owen, 27
Mary Cuningham, 28
Celia Blackmon, 28
David Blackmon, 29
Jean Veilleux, 29
*Wally Davids, Mack Dennis

Building & Grounds

Chair: Ben Boyd, 27
Lloyd Van Dyke, Co-chair, 28
Steve Cook, 27
Tom Freeman, 27
Andy Florian, 28
Cody Jones, 28
Clint Gormon, 29
Jason Surrett, 29
Sharon Tabor, 29
*Wally Davids

Endowment

Chair: Jan Busey, 28
Carleton Collins, Deacon Chair
Paul Swiney, Finance Chair
Anne Bamberger, 28
Nancy Flippin, 29
Mark Green, 29
Wayne Jewsbury, 29
Luann Nelson, 29
*Mack Dennis

Child Development Center

Chair: Cindy DeGrave, 28
Alyssa Gordon, 27
Krista Wilson, 27
Martha Ann Callahan, 28
Celia Blackmon, 29
Sally Little, 29
*Amy Stertz

One Oak Committee

Chair: Ron Butler, 26
Creighton Cornett, 29
Britt Lovin, 27
Woody Edney, 28
Bill Arledge, 30
*Wally Davids

Academy for the Arts

Chair: Bruce Young, 27
Debra Collazo, 27
Jude Gotrich, 28
Stephanie Kiser, 28
Kevin Kehrberg, 29
Jennifer Rayburn, 29
*Justin Addington

Leadership Selection

Chair: Jeanne Dresback