

DEACON NOMINEES

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DREW BRYAN



Family Information: Wife- Lindsay. 3 children- Elizabeth (4), Jeremy (2), John (1)

Place of Employment or Occupation: Owners Choice Construction - Finance and HR

Briefly describe how you came to know the Lord: I heard the gospel over and over through friends and leaders in Campus Outreach ministry while at Wofford College, and God opened my eyes to my sin and need for forgiveness my senior year.

How long have you been a member of Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church and how have you served here? 10 years and served with Campus Outreach and nursery.

What does the opportunity to serve as an officer at Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church mean to you? It is a commitment to serve our church and those in it and a way to offer my gifts and time to help our church grow deeper in our relationship with Jesus.

ANDREW BUDGICK



Family Information: Single, immediate family lives in Arizona, Virginia, and Wyoming

Place of Employment or Occupation: Avaap, Advisory Services, Sales

Briefly describe how you came to know the Lord: I grew up in the home of a Baptist pastor and was frequently exposed to the Gospel from a young age. A specific Gospel presentation and prayer around the age of 4 stands out in my mind as a specific moment of the Spirit moving towards salvation. Assurance of Salvation came in the following years with a better understanding of God's grace and along came a desire to grow and serve the Lord.

How long have you been a member of Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church and how have you served here? I started attending Mitchell Road around 2014 while in college and became a member in 2017.

I have served on the AV team during worship, led both an adult and high school Journey Group, and worked with various children's ministries.

What does the opportunity to serve as an officer at Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church mean to you? Being a deacon offers me the chance to have a more active role in church leadership and to have more opportunity to serve those members of the congregation that are in need.

Brad Doyle



Family Information: Married to Anna Doyle with two children, Tate (10) and Eloise (6)

Place of Employment or Occupation: Commercial Real Estate Broker with KDS Commercial Properties

Briefly describe how you came to know the Lord: I grew up in a Christian home in East Tennessee and attended a Christian summer camp annually from elementary school through middle school on Chickamauga Lake that I looked forward to every summer. I learned so much from my time at Camp Vesper Point interacting with The Gospel and about how much I needed our Lord's gift of Jesus Christ. That faithful truth has always guided me.

How long have you been a member of Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church and how have you served here? We joined MRPC late in 2017. My wife and I love serving with the Children's Ministry.

What does the opportunity to serve as an officer at Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church mean to you? We are all in this together. Navigating life in this challenging world brings us to our knees. I will be on my knees with you until He brings us home.

RANDY ISERMAN



Family Information: My wife and I have been married for 42 years, and we have five grown children; Richard, James, Sarah, Christopher, and Karen. We have three grandchildren, with a fourth on the way.

Place of Employment or Occupation: I am an electrical engineer and work for Ford Bacon and Davis LLC here in Greenville.

Briefly describe how you came to know the Lord. I grew up in a Presbyterian (USA) church in suburban Philadelphia. I was challenged to come to the Lord by a neighbor who was working with Campus Crusade. I realized that growing up in the Church was not the same as a personal walk with Jesus, and I asked Jesus to come into my life. I knew I was a sinner and that Christ died for my sins on the cross. I immediately became involved with Young Life and was discipled by their Campaigner's

group in my local high school.

How long have you been a member of Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church, and how have you served here?

We came to Mitchell Road in December 2019 from Sherman, Texas, and got involved with the choir, Engaging the World, missionary conferences, nursery volunteers, Journey Groups, and Community groups. We were part of the most extended membership class (that ended finally last August). We got to know people with renovating the missionary house for the Gouda's.

- Over the years, we have been very involved with PCA churches, Tenth Presbyterian in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (where I served as chairman of the Deacon board),
- Faith Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, DE (also served as chairman of the Deacon board), and
- Providence Presbyterian Church in York, Pennsylvania (where I served as vice chairman of the Deacon board).
- I also served on the leadership board of a church in the Middle East and was the head of the children's ministry.

What does the opportunity to serve as an officer at Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church mean to you?

I have a strong calling to serve as a Deacon, to lead the Church in providing for the wellbeing of her members, both spiritual and physical. I had this calling as a younger man and have served in Deacon Boards before. I have had many experiences over the years, and I believe I can make a difference, and I will be involved in many different projects and activities. I believe in being involved and in involving others.

Connor Maser



Family Information: Caroline - wife; children - Ava (6), Brooks (4), Makenna "Kenna" (3), and Redding "Redd" (1)

Place of Employment: Tristate Disability

Briefly describe how you came to know the Lord: Much like I cannot recall the day I was physically born, I cannot recall the day I was spiritually reborn. College proved to be the platform in which I began to see the depth of my sin and the breadth of God's Love in Christ. God graciously used and is using my family, MRPC, and friends to navigate the Gospel in my life.

How long have you been a member of Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church and how have you served here? I have been an MRPC member since 2016. I serve in various roles on Sunday mornings such as Kids Church, Greeting, and Coffee Connections. I have had the privilege of facilitating a Community Group, and I am currently facilitating a men's Journey Group. I have also enjoyed helping at special events like MRPC's fundraising event with Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Upstate.

What does the opportunity to serve as an officer at MRPC mean to you? The opportunity to serve as an MRPC officer means a lot to me because the last time I took vows was to my beautiful bride in the Sanctuary at high noon. MRPC has shepherded my family and me towards Christ in celebration and mourning. As with any covenantal Christian relationship, it is my hope and plan to love and serve MRPC in a manner worthy of the name of Christ. I am excited to serve a church that has served me so much!

Van Pittman



Family Information: I was born in Greenville in 1956 and have lived here all of my life. My wife Margaret and I have been married for 44 years and we have two daughters, Meredith, 39, and Rebecca, 32.

Place of Employment or Occupation: I am recently retired from being a small business owner.

Briefly describe how you came to know the Lord. Having been raised in church, the Holy Spirit drew me to the Lord when I was 12 years old. My pastor spent an entire evening explaining that I was a sinner and how to receive Jesus as my Savior, making sure that I understood the decision that I had made that morning.

How long have you been a member of Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church and how have you served here? We joined Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church 11 years ago. I have served in our choir my entire membership and have taught 4th grade Sunday School for a few years. I have worked with my community group making several trips to CIT to do service work. I participate in a men's journey group on Monday evenings, and I am a member of the Safety Committee for our church.

What does the opportunity to serve as an officer at Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church mean to you?

I am willing to serve my fellow members and others in our community as led by the Lord and our church leadership, giving my time and resources as needed.

Ryan Roberts



Family Information: Wife – Jenn Roberts – Married 11 yrs; Children – Sara Hazel 9, Addie 7, Dre 6, Rowan 2 weeks

Place of Employment or Occupation: Assistant Principal, T.L. Hanna High School – Anderson School District Five.

Briefly describe how you came to know the Lord. I was fortunate as a young person to be a part of a loving community of believers who shared the gospel and lived it out every day, and faithfully spoke truth into my life. Through these avenues of grace, the Holy Spirit opened my eyes and awoken my heart to my sin and my need for a Savior. At a young age, the Lord called me to himself and allowed me to experience the joy and forgiveness found in the cross of Jesus Christ.

How long have you been a member of Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church and how have you served here? I have been a member for 7 years. My service to the church has been to the orphan care ministry, monthly children's church, vacation bible school and as children's basketball coach.

What does the opportunity to serve as an officer at Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church mean to you? Serving as an officer provides the opportunity to continue to serve the church in real and meaningful ways while being subjected to the discipline and accountability from the leadership of the church. The call is to come alongside current servants and the saints of the past and to "hold the rope" and carry the burdens to ensure our covenant community is known and loved well. The call to serve also requires us to pursue others around the corner and around the world and show them the grace and love of Jesus.

ELDER NOMINEES

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Jason Cochran



Family Information: married to Conner, 4 kids, Ruby Jane (13), Ellie Cate (11), Winston (9), Tillie (7)

Place of Employment or Occupation: Self-Employed Licensed Professional Counselor in Private Practice at Canterbury Counseling Center.

Briefly describe how you came to know the Lord: Actually, through a Mitchell Road youth middle school Beach Retreat. Although I prayed when I was younger; on this retreat I better understood my need for a savior. I still have a serendipity bible that was given to me afterwards with Jim & Charlene Cox's signatures encouraging me in my young faith.

How long have you been a member of Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church and how have you served here?

I grew up at MRPC and moved away after high school. My family and I moved back in 2011 and have been at MRPC ever since. Our family has served on the hospitality team as well as the children's ministry.

What does the opportunity to serve as an officer at Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church mean to you? My father was an elder and an incredible example of what it means to be faithful. It is very humbling that I would be in this place following in his footsteps. It is a real honor and privilege to be able to serve the Lord by serving his people.

Will Harkinson



Family Information: Married to Joyce Harkinson, we have two daughters and 5 grandchildren. We moved to the Upstate from Florida 25 years ago.

Place of Employment or Occupation: Retired from AFL Telecommunications in Duncan.

Briefly describe how you came to know the Lord. I attended church during my childhood but did not come to know the Lord until after I graduated from high school. I was working full time and heard two men discussing their faiths, one was a believer and the other was a Mormon. I began to ask the believer questions and he shared the Gospel with me. I realized I was lost and acknowledged to God that I was a sinner and asked Him to forgive me and save me.

How long have you been a member of Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church and how have you served here? I have been a member for about 10 years, not sure of the date we joined.

What does the opportunity to serve as an officer at Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church mean to you? I attended and graduated from a Bible College back in the 70's (CIU) with a degree in Biblical Education and believed God was calling me to serve His Church in a lay capacity. I have served as an officer in other churches over the years and believe that God would have me do so here. I have been co-leading a journey group over the last 5-6 years and enjoy the friendships and accountability that ministry has afforded me.

Jake McCoun



Family Information: Wife; Emily, Daughters, Maggie (10), Elsie Jane (3), Son, Chip (6)

Place of Employment: Advisors Insurance Agency, Insurance Advisor

How you came to know the Lord: I grew up in a home that faithfully attended the local Methodist church. I was committed to the youth group and a very moral child and teen. However, my parents were not Christians and I thought of a relationship with God as a checklist of do's and don'ts, and equated Christianity with being a moral person. I attended Presbyterian College in 2004, and it was there that I began to understand what a personal relationship with Jesus looks like. After joining a fraternity with other guys who were living out their faith, I began to be challenged about my own. As I watched them live a lifestyle of repentance and evangelism, I thought they must just be radical Christians. I also got involved with a college ministry, Campus Outreach, a ministry of Mitchell Road. Throughout this time, I wrestled with defining what genuine faith was and whether I had it. As I was confronted for the first time with my self-righteousness and sinfulness, I truly began to grasp the concept of radical grace and forgiveness.

How long have you been a member at Mitchell Road and how have you served:

I joined Mitchell Road as a new member and employee in the fall of 2008 as I began working with college students through Campus Outreach Greenville. I ended up on the college campus at Presbyterian College for the next 4 years and then out of the church office in a different mobilization role for our final 3 years with CO. Over the last 10 years I have led and hosted community groups as well as led a journey group for the last 9 years. For the past 3 years I have also served as an usher and on the Worship and Welcome team.

What does the opportunity to serve as an officer at Mitchell Road mean to you:

Mitchell Road has played such a pivotal role in my relationship with the Lord; from coming to faith as a college student as a result of the church's mission, to catching a vision for global missions and hearing stories of the lifelong faithfulness of it's members, to helping us raise our young children. As a beneficiary of the faithful and prayerful ministry of this church, the opportunity to get to play a role in helping shepherd and influence similar experiences for others would be a huge blessing.

Ron Rountree



Family Information: I was born in 1961 in Greenville, SC. Married in 1985 to Patricia. We have twin daughters and a son in law. All members of Mitchell Road.

Place of Employment or Occupation: In 1997 had the opportunity to start New Life Chemical & Equipment, Inc. Where I have served as President for the last 14 years.

Briefly describe how you came to know the Lord. I became Christian when I was 14 years of age at a lay witness weekend at church. Had some good growth in my early high school years. But as my support group went away I started going the way of the world. The Lord started working on me toward the end of my time at college and called me back to get back in church. I realized that I was in church but not really growing. About 37 years ago I was invited to Executive ministries bible study. I started learning things about Jesus that I had never heard before. This growth caused me to question my choice of Church and led me on a continual growth and love for my savior Jesus Christ.

How long have you been a member of Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church and how have you served here? We have been members at Mitchell Road for around 7 years. We followed our daughters here so we could all worship together. Since being at Mitchell Road we have been involved in Sunday School and I have been in a Journey Group.

What does the opportunity to serve as an officer at Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church mean to you?

Over the last year I have been reducing my office work load. The Lord has been calling me to give more of my time and talents to the ministries I have supported. So when I was asked to be nominated for officer training, I took this as a lead from the Lord - here is a place you can serve me. You can serve my flock.

Jerry Senn



Family Information: I am a lifelong resident of the upstate. I have served in the US Air Force after graduating from The Citadel in 1982. My six years of active duty took us as far away as California and the Philippines. I married Gail in July of 1982, shortly after graduation and started my career in the Air Force as a Second Lieutenant shortly thereafter. I have four adult children, Rebecca, Caroline, Trey, and William. All four of my children are married. I have five grandsons ages 6 years-10 mos., Daniel and Davis in Simpsonville, C.J. and Barrett in Charlotte , and Bowman in Okinawa Japan .

Employment: I am a Financial Advisor with Truist Investment Services, serving the Heritage BB&T clients in the Anderson, Pickens and Oconee counties. I started with BB&T in 1997 for a 3 year period and came back to BB&T, where I have been since 2012. I assist BB&T clients with planning

and investments, beyond the usual deposit options offered through traditional banking savings tools. I started my career as an advisor in 1988 here in Greenville with the brokerage firm of Robinson Humphrey. After leaving the active duty Air Force in 1988, I joined the Georgia Air National Guard as a C 130 Navigator, consistent with my active duty training. As a member of the Air Guard, I served an additional 20 years, including 3 deployments to various locations in the Middle East and Afghanistan. With those deployments I flew over 50 combat airlift and airdrop missions. After 26 years of service, I retired from the Georgia Air Guard in December of 2008.

Briefly describe how you came to know the Lord: I was blessed to be born into a Christian household. My father was an organizing member of the Shannon Forest congregation in the mid-1960s and subsequently I never knew a time when my family was not highly active in that congregation. At the age of 12, I made a personal profession of faith in Jesus Christ. While God quickened me at an early age, I have enjoyed the growing process through sanctification and better understanding exactly what happened in my life through justification and what continues to encourage my growth through sanctification.

How long have you been a member and how have you served? After returning to the upstate in 1998, my family began our search for our new church home. We visited several congregations and ultimately chose Mitchell Road as our church family. While I can't specify an exact date of actually becoming a member of MRPC, I can approximate our membership back to the late 1990s. Over that time I have served as a co-president of the Grace class (now the Journey class), I have been active with the youth athletic programs as a coach during my children's years of participation and assisted as support for various youth programs and activities. I have been a member of a journey group for approximately 10 years. Most recently, I have served with my brothers in my journey group, serving senior church members with various needs. My wife and I have also enjoyed serving as nursery volunteers and kitchen support over the years. Beyond the Mitchell Road family, I have served the body of Christ as a member of the Young Life Committee in Greenville, serving high school children who may not otherwise have heard the gospel.

What does the opportunity to serve as an officer at MRPC mean to you? In my career, both civilian and military, I have been called to use my leadership skills. After many conversations within my journey group regarding the challenges of the Christian community and specifically the MRPC family, I see this as an opportunity to use those leadership skills to serve Jesus Christ and to continue in my sanctification process described in Holy Scripture. I look forward to serving Jesus Christ and our congregation in our efforts to advance Christ's mission in both Greenville and throughout the world.

Jeremy Warren



Family Information: I was born in 1976 while my father was attending Southwestern Theological Seminary working toward a Masters in Music degree. My early years were spent largely in Michigan where he served as youth and music minister and later as pastor after a brief stint back in Texas for his Master of Divinity. We moved to Georgia just before I started High School and have been in the Southeast since. I attended the University of Georgia (Go Dawgs!), graduating in 1999 and then attended medical school in Augusta, Georgia at the Medical College of Georgia. I met my wife, Erin, during my final year and we were married during my first year of residency. I completed my General Surgery residency in Augusta in 2010, ultimately relocating to Greenville in 2013 for additional training. We have 5 children, 4 boys (Aiden, Isaac, Asher and Bennett) and one girl (Peyton), ranging from 7 to 15 years old. Our oldest son, Aiden, is at Eastside HS and the rest attend the Academy at Mitchell Road.

Place of Employment or Occupation: I currently work for Prisma Health Upstate as a surgeon at The Hernia Center.

Briefly describe how you came to know the Lord: My journey to faith began quite young. I accepted Christ and was baptized as a young child. While I admit my memory of that experience has faded, Christ has confirmed in me the assurance of my salvation throughout my life. As we often pray for our children that they “would never know a day that they do not know the Lord” I feel that has been my story. That said, there have been several pivotal moments in my life that have affirmed God’s ongoing work in my life. Throughout college, my pursuit of worldly pleasures led to growing discontent. God redeemed that period of my life during my final year before medical school through involvement in the Baptist Student Union, bringing me back to Himself. My time in medical school and residency was a true blessing, as God demonstrated His faithfulness in directing my career path, providing opportunities to serve, and bringing Godly mentors into my life at every stage. Finally, an incredibly difficult moment in my life and career ultimately resulted in our move to Greenville, which has proven to be a blessing beyond anything I could have hoped for both professionally and personally.

How long have you been a member of Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church and how have you served here? We have been attending MRPC since 2014 and joined soon after. This church has truly become our home. Our kids are active in the youth group, children’s ministries, and sports. I have been involved in a Journey Group for several years and have led a group for the last 4 years. We have also been in Community group, co-hosting for the last three years. As a family we seek to serve our church community through hospitality: our home is located close to the church and it has been a great pleasure to host Community Groups, Journey Groups, and a LOT of youth summer programs!

What does the opportunity to serve as an officer at Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church mean to you? I am honored to have been nominated to become an officer of MRPC. I pray that the gifts God has granted me will be well used in service of the congregation, staff, and mission of Mitchell Road and our community. God has affirmed His call to serve as an officer through the nomination and the training over these last weeks, and through prayerful consideration of the duties of and elder of His church.