

# Deacon Prayer

ALMIGHTY GOD,

AS I SERVE AS DEACON, FILL MY HEART WITH  
COMPASSION AND MY MIND WITH WISDOM.  
HELP ME SERVE WITH LOVE AND HUMILITY, BRINGING  
COMFORT AND HOPE TO THOSE IN NEED.

GRANT ME PATIENCE AND PERSEVERANCE.  
IN MOMENTS OF DOUBT, PLEASE REMIND ME OF  
YOUR PRESENCE. MAY MY ACTIONS REFLECT YOUR  
GRACE, INSPIRING OTHERS TO GROW IN FAITH.

BLESS MY INTERACTIONS WITHIN THE CHURCH AND  
COMMUNITY. MAY MY WORDS AND DEEDS FOSTER  
UNITY AND UNDERSTANDING, AND MAY I FAITHFULLY  
SUPPORT MY PASTOR AND CONGREGATION.

THANK YOU FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING.  
GUIDE ME AND USE ME ACCORDING TO YOUR WILL.  
FOR THE GLORY OF GOD AND  
THE GOOD OF THE WORLD.

AMEN

## DEACON ORDINATION

Sunday, December 8, 2024

4:00 pm



# Worship of God

**AND THE ORDINATION OF NEW DEACONS**  
LISA ALLEN, CARI COLLINS, RYAN KORMANN,  
KAILEY LEESMAN, MARLENE MEDIN, RON MEDIN

*Holy Imagination*

FBC Adult Choir

*"Lord, Here Am I" - Hymn 486*

*Invocation, Welcome, Statement of Purpose*

Rev. Melissa Hatfield

*Scripture Reading - David Kormann*

Micah 6:6-8

*"Be Thou My Vision" - Hymn 60*

*Scripture Reading - Heather Feeler*

1 Corinthians 13:1-7

*Ordination Message - Rev. Melissa Hatfield*

"Love Her"

*Ordination Prayer - Rev. Jeanie McGowan*

*Litany of Commitment - Rev. Melissa Hatfield*



**REV. JEANIE  
MCGOWAN**

*As a previously ordained clergy, Jeanie will not be ordained again but is one of our newly elected deacons.*

*After years of serving in various ways at FBC, I still felt God calling me to something more, but to what? It was an agonizing feeling. Finally, I responded to that call through unique circumstances and became a Singles Pastor here at FBC. Seminary followed soon after. Then, in 2003, our church ordained me to the Gospel Ministry.*

*After I retired in 2013, I served for a year as Interim Pastor at Bethel Baptist Church in Columbia. Then, in 2022, I began two years as Interim Pastor of Worship here. Currently, I am serving as a Volunteer Associate Pastor of Engagement.*

Jeanie and her husband, Keith, have three sons, three daughters-in-law, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren who are a blessing and joy to them.



# REV. KRISTIE MCGONEGAL

*As a previously ordained clergy, Kristie will not be ordained again but is one of our newly elected deacons.*

*In the past, I have often focused on the letter of the law as dictated by men in the pulpit. But now I feel able to see all Scripture through the words and love of Jesus.*

*My walk of faith has often meandered, sometimes hindered by confusion, sometimes bolstered by fellow disciples or readings.*

*I have learned that I can only ultimately trust God, his Son, and his Spirit. Although my experiences with people and institutions have often resulted in disappointments, God has used all of my life's events and people to bring me closer to him.*

Kristie is married to Rich. Together, they have two daughters, Heather and Jane.

**LEADER:** We gather as a community of faith.

**ALL:** Together, we are called to bind up the broken, to proclaim release to the captives, the recovery of sight to the blind, and to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**LEADER:** We gather this day to worship and consecrate these candidates to the calling of deacon ministry. Do you, the congregation of First Baptist Church, pledge to support and encourage these servants among us?

**CONGREGATION:** We do.

**LEADER:** Do you, deacon candidates, pledge your very best efforts in service to Christ and His Church, to walk humbly with God, and to model servant love in all you do?

**DEACON CANDIDATES:** We do. Together, we will love, grow, and serve in Christ, who modeled servant love by dying on the Cross for us.

**ALL:** Together, we will lead people into life-giving relationships with Christ and each other. Amen.

*The Laying on of Hands - Congregation*

*Music for Meditation*

Alice Satterfield and Sharman Banks

*Presentation of Gifts and Certificates*

Ken Enloe, Chair of Deacons

*"The Servant Song" - Hymn 613*

*Benediction - Rev. Kristie McGonegal*



*Reception following in the Fellowship Hall*





**LISA  
ALLEN**

*I have attended a Baptist church nearly all my life. I was baptized as a child, but as a young adult, I felt God's calling to rededicate my life to him. This marked a new authentic relationship with the Father and the start of a meaningful Christian journey.*

*Since then, I have remained an active church member participating in many activities focused on building spiritual maturity and service to others. Being called to serve this church and God as a deacon reminds me that God is not done with me yet. He has yet opened another door providing a portal for spiritual growth in humble service to others.*

Lisa and her husband, Tom, have three children - Nathan, Daniel, and Lydia; two daughters-in-law, and one new, beautiful granddaughter.



**RON  
MEDIN**

*I was baptized when I was eight years old. I was euphoric. But as time passed the euphoria gave way to a sense that accepting Christ's invitation leads to other invitations.*

*I joined a mission trip to Africa. We visited an orphanage where an older woman was caring for orphans she'd rescued from the Rwandan massacres. They had love but little else. We gave her some money. Her eyes moistened as she told us, "You are Jesus. When we need milk money, you bring it."*

*For me, Christianity is more than stained glass windows. We join God in embracing His Creation.*

Ron Medin and his wife, Marlene, joined the FBC family about ten years ago. They raised three daughters in Jefferson City who now live near and far with husbands and children of their own.





## MARLENE MEDIN

*I have known about Jesus for as long as I can remember. My family attended a Baptist church, but I did not join. I attended a Lutheran college and was baptized at age 23 in a Methodist church. Spiritual growth was fostered through service opportunities, volunteer organizations, and my physical therapist profession. My faith was strengthened by the people we met while on mission trips. Moving to First Baptist and being re-baptized was partly driven by mission opportunities. I believe in faith through action and continue to seek opportunities to serve and to grow spiritually.*

Marlene and her husband, Ron, joined the FBC family about ten years ago. They raised three daughters in Jefferson City who now live near and far with husbands and children of their own.



## CARI COLLINS

*I have attended FBC since I was two weeks old. I learned about Jesus from Lou and Vernon Towner and numerous other Sunday School teachers.*

*I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior in 1984 and was baptized by Pastor Nelson Duke.*

*My FBC family and pastors have encouraged me to challenge and grow my faith my entire life, for which I will be eternally grateful.*

Cari and her husband, Mike, have two sons, Xander and Brennan.



## RYAN KORMANN

*I was practically born into the church. I've attended First Baptist Church my entire life and have never wanted to go elsewhere.*

*I've been blessed to have a family that always made attending church a part of our lives. I've also been equally blessed with a church family that has seen the good in me, even if I didn't recognize it myself. You have encouraged my involvement in various ministries, helping me find and use my gifts in ways that could serve our congregation, our community, and the Lord. I'm so thankful for the families that have helped shape my life.*

Ryan and his son, Jay, are life-long residents of Jefferson City.



## KAILEY LEESMAN

*My faith journey has been deeply shaped by my involvement in church from a young age, where I participated in many programs and activities.*

*However, college was pivotal, forcing me to redefine my faith and move beyond a works-based, judgmental Christianity. I struggled with understanding my identity in Christ outside of church circles, which led me to explore grace and humility.*

*Influential relationships challenged me to lead by example, love others without judgment, and recognize that everyone's story matters. These lessons continue to guide me as I continue to learn to be more like Christ.*

Kailey and her husband, Mark, have three children: Connor, Erick, and Rikeley.