

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

JANUARY 22, 2017

## DEACONS

MILLS BARBEE  
JEANNE MARIE  
CUMMINGS  
SARAH HAYGOOD  
ADAM HENSON  
CATHERINE HIGDON  
MELISSA PEELER  
ALICIA POWERS  
JAY TAYLOE  
MIKE WEST  
MIKE WILLIAMS  
GIB WILSON \*  
ANNA WITTE

## RULING ELDERS

ED APPLE \*  
RICHARD BAER  
BARRON BOYD  
MAC COFFIELD  
D.C. CUMMINGS \*\*  
LANE FAUGHNAN  
ELLIS HADDAD  
JENNA JOSHI \*\*  
NICOLE JOSHI  
ELIZABETH ROUSE  
NANCY THOMPSON \*



*We are grateful for all the men and women who serve and give generously of their time and talents. Their dedication to God's work truly helps our church's vision become a reality!*

*\*To be installed only (previously ordained)*

*\*\*Youth elder serving a one year term*

# OUR NEW DEACONS

**MILLS BARBEE** came to Idlewild in 2013 from First Presbyterian in Hernando, where he served as an elder. He has been on the Community Support Committee for several years and, in addition, has been active with MTAM and the hospitality team. Mills is a self-employed attorney and part-time judge. He and his wife Laurie have two children, Ashleigh Allen Murdock and Brittany Barbee. Mills feels the church's most important vision is community support and strengthening tradition, particularly to "keep open our doors to everyone, and to serve the less fortunate people and children of God."

**JEANNE MARIE CUMMINGS** is a child of the church. She previously served as a youth elder, and has been on the Recreation and Food Service committees, and was a QUEST youth advisor. Jeanne Marie is an active alumni of the University of Memphis Kemmons Wilson School, and a Welcome to Memphis committee member. She works at Westin Memphis Beale Street. Her brother, D.C., is serving as a youth elder this year. Her vision for Idlewild is to "continue the tradition and outreach for the Memphis community and continue to extend an invitation to anyone looking to deepen their relationship with God."

**SARAH HAYGOOD** works with our Backpacks for Kids program at Brewster Elementary. She is a teacher at Presbyterian Day School. She and her husband Jimmy joined the church in 2008, and they have two children, Lillian (8) and James (5). When asked about her vision for the church, she said, "I hope that Idlewild will continue to be a strong faith-based community that welcomes all, makes a positive impact on Memphis, and helps all to grow in their faith. Also, that Idlewild will provide an environment for children to learn leadership and discipleship."

**ADAM HENSON** and his wife Lindsey came to Idlewild in 2010. They have two children, McCovey (4), Eze (2). Adam is a church usher and helps with the offering collection at the 8:30 service. His vision and hope for Idlewild is to "see a continuous growth in the community outreach and involvement." Adam works with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a disbursing accountant.

**CATHERINE HIGDON**, who first joined the church in 1988, serves on the Community Support Committee. She works for ALSAC, and is very active in the community as a volunteer with Best Friends Animal Society, Streetdog Foundation, Memphis Union Mission, and St. Jude. Her vision for Idlewild is "to continue to be a place that welcomes all and that cares for not only the congregation, but also the community."

**MELISSA PEELER** is currently on the Outreach Leadership Team and the Adopt-A-School Committee, and has worked with Backpacks for Kids, Stewardship, Worship and Music, and vacation Bible school. She has previously served as a ruling elder. Melissa and her husband Michael have three children, Mary, Anna, and Margie. About the church's future she says, "I hope that we can continue to be a place where meaningful connections are made in peoples' lives and that we can be a leader in forwarding issues of social justice, inclusion, and outreach in Memphis and beyond. Especially during this upcoming period of physical transformation, I hope that we can continue to be a vibrant church with strong worship and fellowship opportunities for all to grow in their faith."

**ALICIA POWERS** came to Memphis, and Idlewild, from Knoxville in 2015. She participates in the Young Presbyterian Women's group and young adult activities, and is in the Handbell Choir. She works at St. Jude as a process development senior scientist, and is active with the Junior League of Memphis, working with the FirstWorks Corners of Highland Heights tutoring program. Her vision for our church is "that people of all states and situations of life might know they are loved children of God."

**JAY TAYLOE** joined the church in 2013, the same year he and his wife Mary were married, and within a couple of years he was teaching the confirmation class. Jay works at Watkins Uiberall (formerly with Brundige, Payne & Co.), and is active with the Memphis Oral School for the Deaf and the Young Professionals group. Envisioning the future of the church, he says, "My hope is that Idlewild will continue to be a place where all seekers are welcome and encouraged to ask questions."

**MIKE WEST** came to Idlewild in 2004. He serves on Recreation and C3 committees, and previously has worked with Children's Ministry and global missions. He has two children, Anthony (8) and Mary (5), and he is a technical principal at FedEx. Michael sees Idlewild continuing to be "a welcoming, thoughtful place of worship and center for community outreach."

**MIKE WILLIAMS** and his wife Gay joined in 2014, and he has become very involved with More Than A Meal. He served as a deacon at his previous church. Michael is a retired attorney, formerly working with Evans Petree PC. Now, he is actively involved with many community organizations, including the Memphis Development Foundation, Brooks Museum of Art, Playhouse on the Square, the University of Memphis, and Sigma Phi Epsilon. Mike wants to see Idlewild "maintain leadership role in community outreach."

**GIB WILSON** grew up in our church family, and throughout the years he has worn many hats. He is a church trustee, has served as a ruling elder twice, and as Clerk of Session in 2004. He is currently on the Youth Ministry Committee, and has served on the Nominations and Food Service committees. Gib works at Lehman-Roberts as a CPA. He and his wife Nancy have three daughters, Collin Buckner, Bailey, and Mia. His vision is that "Idlewild will continue to grow spiritually, corporately, fiscally."

**ANNA WITTE** and her husband Dex were married in 2013 and joined the church in 2014. This is Anna's first time to serve as a church officer. She teaches the Pre-K Sunday school class and is active with More Than A Meal and the Young Presbyterian Women's group. Her career is as a teacher at Presbyterian Day School, and she was previously at Soulsville. What is Anna's greatest vision for our church? "I hope Idlewild continues to be a place where everyone feels welcome."

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# OUR NEW RULING ELDERS

**ED APPLE** has been on many committees throughout the years, including Stewardship, Food Service and NaCoMe. He has served as both a deacon and a ruling elder. Ed came to Idlewild in 1992. He works at Wunderlich Securities, and he and his wife Margaret have two children: Lizzie and Edward. When describing his vision for our church, this is what he said: “Embrace and serve all. Help our members grow vs. going through the motions. Find meaning and peace.”

**RICHARD BAER** is serving as vice-clerk of Session this year and is on the Community Support Committee. He has been involved with several programs, including the New Member Welcoming, Evangelism committees. Richard worked as a healthcare executive before retiring; now, he is a tax aide volunteer. He and his wife Toni have two adult children, Whitney and Marley. When asked about his vision for Idlewild, Richard says there’s “not much to add” to the church’s vision statement – as we continue to be a welcoming, active church.

**BARRON BOYD** is vice-chair of the Adult Ministry Committee, is involved with the baptism buddies program, and teaches Sunday school. He is a professor and the director of the Buckman International Studies at Rhodes College. Barron and his wife, Carol DeForest, joined Idlewild in 2012. Before that, he had been a deacon at First Presbyterian Church in Syracuse, New York. Barron’s hope is that Idlewild “will continue to be a force for positive change and healing in the Memphis area.”

**MAC COFFIELD** has served on the Recreation, Long Range Planning and Community Support committees, and was chair of the 2015 Associate Pastor Search Committee, and has served as a deacon. He is a member of the Men in Midlife ChristCare group. Mac works at International Paper. He and his wife Ashley have two children, Henry (15) and Paul (12). He wants Idlewild to be “a center of truth and a steward of meaningful tradition with hospitality for everyone.”

**D.C. CUMMINGS** is serving a one year term as youth elder. He has been in the church since birth, and was confirmed in 2015. He is very active in BASIC, mission trips, activities at Montreat, and recreation programs, and serves with community soup kitchens. He is a junior at Christian Brothers High School. His parents are Lucy and Lee Cummings. His sister Jeanne Marie is serving as a deacon. D.C.’s vision for our church is that “the community will grow in the next few years. Including more people into the activities.”

**LANE FAUGHNAN** is a “lifetime” Idlewilder who has served as a deacon, Sunday school teacher, and choir member. She currently is chair of the Community Support Committee. She and her husband Brian have two children, Sophie (15) and Whit (11). Lane has worked at St. Jude in several areas, currently in the Department of Global Pediatric Medicine. She hopes that Idlewild “continues to serve as a model for other faith organizations in its service to God and our Memphis community, thoughtfully discerning our purpose and our actions in a complex society without forgetting our commitments to follow Christ’s example and teaching.”

**ELLIS HADDAD** became a church member in 1992. He previously served as a deacon and has been a member of both the Usher and Congregational Nurture committees. Ellis is a financial planner with Raymond James, and is a Porter Leath board member. He and his wife Jenny have

one son, Jack (10). His vision for Idlewild is “to continue to be a place open to all and judging of none, where people want to serve and worship the Lord.”

**JENNA JOSHI** is serving as a youth elder. She is active with BASIC, serves on the Youth Ministry Committee, and volunteers with MAD camp. She is a junior at St. Mary's, is active with varsity cross country, track, and half-marathons, and is assistant editor of the school newspaper. Her parents are Vijaya and Nicole Joshi. Jenna's vision for Idlewild is as “a welcoming, all-inclusive home for everyone who wants to join fellow members of a wonderful community that seeks to better understand its relationship with God.”

**NICOLE JOSHI** joined in 2005, when her family moved here from Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. She and her husband Vijaya have two daughters, Jenna (16) and Jessica (14). For several years now, she has served on the Youth Ministry Committee and is currently committee vice-chair. Nicole is a nurse practitioner at WellChild. Her vision for the church is that it continues to grow and be welcoming to all.

**ELIZABETH ROUSE** joined in 2007 after moving here from Mobile. She is currently serving on the Building Committee and is an active part of the young adults ministry. She has previously served as a deacon and on the Associate Pastor Search Committee, More Idlewild Capital Campaign, and Peacemaking Committee. Elizabeth is president and CEO of ArtsMemphis. She also is on the Greater Memphis Chamber Board of Directors and a member of the Junior League. “Building on 125 years of faithfulness and service,” she says, “my hope for Idlewild is that it continues to be a home for all who enter and a growing, bold pillar of Memphis and the PC(USA).”

**NANCY THOMPSON** sings in the choir and is active with Baptism Buddies and Clean Water. She has served as both as a deacon and a ruling elder, and as moderator of Presbyterian Women; chaired the Worship and Music, Adult Ministry, and Clean Water committees, as well as the Presbyterian Child Care Center formation group. Nancy volunteers with MIFA Meals, Central Gardens Association and the Community of St. Therese of Lisieux, and tutors at Idlewild Elementary. She and her husband Jeff have three grown children: Reid, Ellen Olson, and Ginger Wedemeyer. She hopes Idlewild continues to be a “a strong voice for peace and reconciliation in Memphis and within our denomination; that we continue to grow and explore in faith our mission to our own members, our community, and the world.”

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DEACONS ROTATING OFF: Catherine Berger, Ramey Bourland, Chad Braddock, Molly Glover, Jenny Haddad, Nan Hawkes, Mark Jones, Drew Kofahl, Lisa Martin, Josh Poag, Will Presley, Donna Rhodes, Elizabeth Roehm, and Scott Sherman.

ELDERS ROTATING OFF: Laurie Barbee, Carol Bishop, Susan Elliott, Melissa Grimes, Jim Harwood, Jason Hood, Meredith Hood, Jamie Linkous, Margie Peeler, Drew Taylor, and Barry White.

OUR THANKS TO the 2016 Nominations Committee: Andrew Falls, Megan Ford, Charlie McCrary, Steve Montgomery (staff), Cindy Moore (chair), Thad Rodda, and Drew Taylor.

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# OFFICERS CURRENTLY SERVING

## DEACONS 2017

Buff Adams  
DeLois Cunningham  
Andrew Falls  
Will Gibbons  
Forrest Gross  
Kathy James  
Catie Jane Myers  
Bob Spencer  
Joellyn Sullivan  
Nancy Toma  
Cheryl Westlake

## DEACONS 2018

Will Adams  
Debbie Brooks  
Alan Glenn  
Julie Markham  
Katie McLeod  
Jamie Moore  
Kristen Murphy  
Mary Muscari  
Betty Nelson  
Julie Raines  
Nate Taylor  
Ben Wescott

## DEACONS 2019

Mills Barbee  
Jeanne Marie Cummings  
Sarah Haygood  
Adam Henson  
Catherine Higdon  
Melissa Peeler  
Alicia Powers  
Jay Tayloe  
Mike West  
Mike Williams  
Gib Wilson  
Anna Witte

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## ELDERS 2017

D.C. Cummings  
Lynda Freeland  
Dennis Higdon  
Jenna Joshi  
Bob Llewellyn  
Cindy Moore  
Sarah Prosser  
Mitchell Redd  
Tom Roehm  
Anne Bradley Thomas  
Jess Wesberry

## ELDERS 2018

Doug Alrutz  
Jeff Emerson  
Alyce Haynes  
Karen Matthews  
Pat Neely  
John Pickens  
Thad Rodda Jr.  
Jan Wardle  
Bruce Webber

## ELDERS 2019

Ed Apple  
Richard Baer  
Barron Boyd  
Mac Coffield  
Lane Faughnan  
Ellis Haddad  
Nicole Joshi  
Elizabeth Rouse  
Nancy Thompson

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## TRUSTEES

Ed Beasley  
Jody Brown  
Larry Bryan  
Kim Johnson  
Stephanie Rodda  
Jeff Thompson  
Gib Wilson

## TRUSTEES EMERITI

Mary Lou Adams  
Wallace Bruce  
Lewis Donelson  
Henry Jones  
Charlie McCrary  
Bob Schroeder  
Beth Simpson  
Harry Wellford  
Walker Wellford III

