

2010 Officer Candidates For Sunday, October 14, 2009 Election

Elders and Deacons will be elected next Sunday, Oct. 11 at Noon in a Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary. Elders are charged with leading us in our worship and service of God. Deacons provide member care and outreach to our community.

Elder Candidates

M.R. Andrews joined GSPC in 1986. She is an ordained Deacon and Elder. Her present activities include Sanctuary Choir, Handbell Choir, Office Volunteer, Assistant Music Library Coordinator, and she often plays flute in worship. During the last five years, she has worked on the CE and Worship committees and with the Music Ministries program. M.R. and her husband, Russ Andrews, have four children and five grandchildren.

Fran Danley is a lifelong member of GSPC, continuing several generations of her family's membership at Government Street. She is an ordained Deacon, has been the Presbyterian Women Moderator, was the Sanctuary Flower Coordinator, and is presently active with PW Circle 8. She has delivered bread and maintains the kitchen's food bank inventory count. Fran and her husband, Joel Danley, have two children and four grandchildren.

Sally Pearsall Ericson is a lifelong GSPC member. She attends the Women's Bible Study on Sundays and has taught Children's Sunday School. Sally was ordained as a Deacon in 2003 and is very active with the Thursday Lunch Forum, World Mission Committee, IHN, and Presbyterian Women. Sally and her husband, Brent Ericson, have two children.

Linda Winn Grill originally joined GSPC in 1958. She left Mobile in 1990, returned, and rejoined GSPC in 2008. She participates on the Congregational Life committee, is a regular at Lunch Forums, and she sings in the Sanctuary Choir and the Greater Mobile Bay Area Choral Society. She and her husband, Jeff Grill, have been married for 14 years. Jeff has two daughters and there are four grandchildren.

Carter Hale joined GSPC in 2000. He attends the Young Adults Bible Study class. He is an ordained Deacon and has been a PYC Youth Advisor for several years. Carter works as a civil litigation trial attorney with the law firm of Scott, Sullivan, Streetman & Fox in Mobile. His wife, Jane Hale, is a physical therapist and is presently serving as a Deacon.

Bligh Jones is a lifelong GSPC member and professed her faith in 1963. She is an ordained Elder and Deacon. She serves on the Evangelism & Membership committee, and is the in-coming Presbyterian Women Moderator. She has three grown children, three grandchildren (another on the way), one outstanding mother, two siblings, and one dog.

Rudy Nordmann joined GSPC in 1990 during the same worship service in which his daughter, Mary Herndon Nordmann, was baptized. Rudy is an ordained Deacon presently serving a second Deacon term through Dec, 2009. He chaired the Assoc. Pastor Search committee in 2007, the

Urban Ministries committee for two years, and sat on the IHN Board of Directors from 2006-2008. He and his wife, Molly Crown Nordmann, were married at GSPC in 1988.

Tom Wells joined GSPC in 1976. He was ordained as an Elder in 1979. He attends the Covenant Sunday School class and has led that class as well as the Dubose Sunday School class over the years. Tom recently served on the Worship committee and Intern Support committee; he participates in IHN and with the Men's Fellowship Group. Tom and his wife, Julia C. Wells, have two children and one grandchild.

Deacon Candidates

John Browning joined GSPC in 2008. He attends the Men's Wednesday Morning Bible Study and the Young Adults' Sunday School class, and has led the latter. He serves on the Evangelism and Membership committee. He participated in GSPC's Gumbo Cook-off and the World Mission Silent Auction. His wife, Margaret Sue Helmsing Browning, is a lifelong GSPC member.

Holly Denson Carrigan joined GSPC in 2008. She is very active with Presbyterian Women and is currently the Circle 8 chairperson. She volunteered with Vacation Bible School, Trunk or Treat, Easter Egg Hunt, The World Mission Silent Auction, 2009 Stewardship, and she serves on the Christian Education, Youth, and World Mission committees. Holly attends the Pastor's Sunday School class, and enjoys fellowship with her GSPC family whenever possible!

Laura Jensen joined GSPC in 2008. She attends the Young Adult Sunday School class, is active with Presbyterian Women's Circle 5, and serves on the Christian Education committee. She was an Adult Leader for the 2009 GSPC Urban Mission Camp, and presently works as a Reading Specialist for grades 1 & 2 at St. Paul's Episcopal School in Mobile. Her husband, Rev. Ryan Jensen, is an Associate Pastor at GSPC.

Ashford Kettler joined in 2008. He regularly attends the Wednesday Night Men's Disciple Group; he is a faithful Coffee Club volunteer, and IHN volunteer, and serves on the Urban Ministries committee. Ashford works as an attorney with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District. He has one son.

Claude McLaughlin joined GSPC with his wife, Donna McLaughlin, in 2006. They have a daughter and son-in-law: Katy & Jay Carty; a son and daughter-in-law: Brian and Angel McLaughlin; and three grandchildren: Madison, Drew, and Emily.

Jerry Nelson joined GSPC in 2004. Jerry and his wife, Rachael Ivy Nelson, have one daughter, Emily Claire, and are expecting a second child. Jerry works as a Certified Public Accountant.

M. Thad Phillips joined GSPC in 2007. He presently attends the Young Adult Sunday School class and the Men's Wednesday Morning Bible Study. Thad and his wife, Bonnie Phillips, have two dogs: Patrick Mayes Phillips (dog #1), and Miles Mayes Phillips (dog #2).

Jasper Reaves joined GSPC in 1985. He presently attends the Men's Dubose Sunday School class, has recently served on the Property committee, and he sings with the Sanctuary Choir. Jasper and his wife have been married since 1955. They have four sons and four grandchildren.

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Join Rev. Ryan Jensen and
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Inter-Generational Mexico Mission Trip



July 10-17 2010


We will fly into Cancun and travel to the village of Tizimín.



Our mission will be to help a sister church with a construction project and to lead Vacation Bible School for the children of the church in the afternoons.



At a water refuge, we will enjoy one afternoon of snorkeling and swimming with dolphins.



Sign up Deadline
Is **November 22**
\$200 non-refundable deposit
Checks payable to:
GSPC

Tizimín, which means “tapir or Danta” (the sacred animal and totemic of the Supreme God of the Maya), was founded by the Spanish Franciscan priest conquerors in 1544. It is also known as “The City of Kings.”

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