

2023–2024 DEACON NOMINEES

***David Coates**, age, 75 and wife Sara have three children: Angie, Heather, Stephanie. A Christian for 68 years; at first Evan for 31 years. **Presently serving:** Intentional Welcome Committee, Greeter, Deacon Monitor, Guardian. **Previously served:** Deacon, Greeter, Deacon Monitor, Guardian. **Spiritual gift(s):** Service. **Occupation/Employer:** *Retired.*

***Mike Fergus**, age 66, and wife Jennifer, have two children: Ross, Mary. A Christian for 53 years; at First Evan for 32 years. **Presently serving:** Hospitality Team, Communion set-up, Men's Fish Fry, Deacon. **Previously served:** Children's Church, Tape Ministry. **Spiritual gift(s):** Service, Evangelism. **Occupation/Employer:** *Retired.*

Sam Hezlep, age 78, and wife JoLynn, have two children: Kimberly, and Shanda A Christian for 66 years; at First Evan for 34 years. **Presently serving:** Warriors on the Wall, Guardian, Deacon Monitor, Cornerstone SS Class, Vitalant Blood Program Director. **Previously served:** Deacon, Encouragers SS Class Leader, Lifeblood Assurance Program Director. **Spiritual gift(s):** Leadership, Administration, Service. **Occupation/Employer:** *Retired.*

Lee Howell, age 43, and wife Leanne, three, have children: Samuel, Henry, and Julia. A Christian for 31 years; at First Evan for 17 years. **Presently serving:** Youth Ministry and Children's Ministry as needed. **Previously served:** Children's Ministry. **Spiritual gift(s):** Exhortation, Helping, Serving. **Occupation/Employer:** *Marketing Director/Organogenesis*

Bill Granger, age 68, and wife Cindy, have four children: Jennifer, Ben, Rebecca, and Philip. A Christian for 35 years; at First Evan for 30 years. **Presently serving:** Global Missions Team, Wednesday Night Dinner. **Previously served:** Global Missions Team, Wednesday Night Dinner, Greeter, Common Ground. **Spiritual gift(s):** Service. Hospitality, Giving. **Occupation/Employer:** *Electrical Contractor/Self-employed.*

***Jonathan Klassy**, age 37, and wife Heather, have four children: Nathaniel, Abigail, Esther, Judah. A Christian for 20 plus years; at First Evan for 13 years. **Presently serving:** 4th and 5th grade boys SS class. **Previously served:** Children's Ministry. **Spiritual gift(s):** Serving, Giving, Evangelism. **Occupation/Employer:** *Service Technician/City of Bartlett.*

Moses Kute, age 55, and wife, Lilly, have six children: Noel, Joshua, Jacob, Matthew, Kathleen, and Grace. A Christian for 38 years; at First Evan for 25 years. **Presently serving:** Liason with Sudanese Community. **Previously served:** Meet Memphis. **Spiritual gift(s):** Serving. **Occupation/Employer:** *Supervisor/Give Clean*

2023–2024 SITTING ELDER NOMINEES

Mickey Bowdon, age 79, and wife Cheryl, have two children: Dobson, and Sarah Beth. A Christian for 65 years; at First Evan for 55 years. **Presently serving:** Elder, *Encouragers* SS Class Teacher. **Previously served:** Deacon, Elder, SS Teacher. **Spiritual gift(s):** Administration, Teaching **Occupation/Employer:** *Consultant, Bowdon Miller Shepherd-ing Group*

***Joel Scoggins**, age 53, and wife Bethany have three children: Addie, Lucy, Claire. A Christian for 43 years; at First Evan for 16 years. **Presently serving:** Session Elder, Leader Journeys SS class. **Previously served:** Hospitality Team, Teacher 1st and 2nd grade SS class. **Spiritual gift(s):** Administration, Evangelism, Leadership. **Occupation/Employer:** *Area Developer / Memphis Young Life.*

***John Touliatos**, age 54, and wife Lori, have five children: Spero, Carli, Cameron, Weston, Lawson; Christian for 44 years; at First Evan for 43 years. **Presently serving:** Non-sitting Elder, SS Class Leader/Teacher, Child Evangelism Fellowship Teacher. **Previously served:** Heritage Builders Sunday School Class Teacher. **Spiritual gift(s):** Teaching, Encouragement. **Occupation/Employer:** *Otolaryngologist/Midsouth Ear, Nose, & Throat.*

2023–2024 NON-SITTING ELDER NOMINEES

John Main, age 72, and wife Clarice, have three children: Bryan, Richelle, and Johnna. A Christian for 64 years; at First Evan for two years. **Presently serving:** Cornerstone SS Class Teacher, Choir. **Spiritual gift(s):** Teaching. **Occupation/Employer:** *Retired*

Brian Ward, age 66, and wife Joanne, have two children: Martha, and Grace. A Christian for 50 years; at First Evan for 33 years. **Presently serving:** Abundant Life SS Class. **Previously served:** Non-sitting Deacon. **Spiritual gift(s):** Administration, Serving, Counsel. **Occupation/Employer:** *FedEx, and U.S Naval Reserve Officer.*

**Returning for a second consecutive term.*

If you have concerns about a particular person serving as an Elder or Deacon, a copy of the procedure for expressing concern is available in the church office.