

Report of the Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development
Russellville First Methodist Church

Church Council

	2026
Church Council Chair	Nancy Cooper
Church Council Vice-Chair	Ginger Saylor
Lay Leader	Buddy Perdue
Church Treasurer	Gene Matthews
Lay Delegate to Annual Conference	Pat Seal
Recording Secretary	Jessica Wood
Membership Secretary	Linda Senter
Prayer Representative	Rocky Stone

	2026 Chairs
Staff-Parish Relations	Jason Hartsell
Trustees	Milton Garrison
Finance	Dennis Upchurch
Evangelism	Susan Godsey
Missions	Samantha Hartsell
Worship	Louise Hester
Discipleship	Phillip Hamilton
Congregational Care	Sheila Upchurch
Youth	Andrew Adams
Children	Sarah Beall

Members at Large		
Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Scott Godsey	Ponda Gordon	Mitch Partyka
Charlotte Hamilton	Don Girrard	Zoe Hartsell

Non-Voting Ex Officio: Senior Pastor, Staff

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Administrative Committees

Board of Trustees		
Chair: Milton Garrison		
Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
John McReynolds	Chase Gilmer	Jim Hester
Milton Garrison	Rebecca Reeves	Bobby Stanford
Libby Daniel	Kim Perdue	Jamie Harris
Senior Pastor: Toby Chastain		

Staff Parish Relations Committee		
Chair: Jason Hartsell		
Lay Leader: Buddy Perdue		
Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Angie Garrison	Jason Hartsell	Molly King
Andrew Adams	Teresa Seal	Ed Blackburn
Rocky Stone	Randy Cooper	Lee Todd
Senior Pastor: Toby Chastain		

Nominations and Leadership Development		
Chair: Toby Chastain		
Lay Leader: Buddy Perdue		
Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Gayle McCalister	Patsy McReynolds	Karen Champion
Bucky Rea	Nancy Sinclair	Pat Seal
Bobby Stanford	Ed Blackburn	Ginger Stone

Finance Committee		
	2026	
Finance Chairman	Dennis Upchurch	
Administrative Board Chairman	Nancy Cooper	
SPRC Chair	Jason Hartsell	
Board of Trustees	Milton Garrison	
Church Treasurer	Gene Matthews	
Endowment Chair	Donita Abston	
Members at Large:		
Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Ginger Saylor	Pam Sitorious	Dennis Upchurch
Tom Senter	Sam Warf	Emily McKinney
Gayle Newbury	Joe Pride	Martha DeArman
Senior Pastor: Toby Chastain		
Lay Leader: Buddy Perdue		

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Legacy Endowment Fund Committee	
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Endowment Chair	Donita Abston
Finance Chair	Dennis Upchurch
Board of Trustees	Milton Garrison
Church Treasurer	Gene Matthews
Members at Large:	
Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Heath Grimes	Susan Bordon
Phillip Hamilton	Donita Abston
Senior Pastor: Toby Chastain	
Lay Leader: Buddy Perdue	

Ministry Teams

Missions	
Chair: Samantha Hartsell	
	2026
Members:	Susan Godsey, Nancy Davis, Angie Garrison, Ragan Chastain, Susan Borden, Judy Burcham, Shirley Sliger, Jerry King, Jackson Wood, John Strickland

Worship	
Chair: Louise Hester	
	2026
Communion/Altar Stewards	Louise Hester/Gayle McCalister
Usher Lead	Bobby Stanford
Sound	
Audio Visual	Buddy Perdue
Contemporary Service	Jason Hartsell
Weddings/Funerals	Gayle McAllister
Acolytes	
Choir Rep	Joyce Strickland
At-Large Members:	Randy Cooper, Don Girard
Prayer Ministry Chair	Rocky Stone
Senior Pastor: Toby Chastain	
Choir Director: Tyler Woods	
Youth Minister: Ben Schaefer	

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Evangelism	
Chair: Susan Godsey	
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Greeters	Teressa Seal
Community Outreach	Rachel Seal
Guest Follow-Up	Erica Adams
At-Large Members:	Linda Mayfield, Camlie Prince, Anna Todd, Donita Abston, Summer Hester, Chris Burcham

Adult Discipleship	
Chair: Philip Hamilton	
	2026
Senior Adults	Erica Adams
Men's Ministry	Bobby Stanford
Women's Ministry	Joyce Strickland
At-Large Members:	Sandra Aplin, Ginger Saylor, Rebecca Thomason, Pat Seal, Nancy Cooper, Susan Godsey, Dennis Upchurch

Congregational Care	
Chair: Sheila Upchurch	
	2026
Family Life	
Shut-Ins/Nursing Homes	Shirley Sliger
New Member Assimilation	Molly Ann King
Care of Members Afar	Deborah Hester
Bereavement	Gayle McAllister
Fellowship Meals	Ponda Gordon
At-Large Members:	Sam Warf, Annette Sturdivant, Ginger Stone, Patsy McReynolds, Susan Borden, Chloe Sweda, Marie Hargett, Martha DeArman

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Youth:		
Chair: Andrew Adams		
	2026	
At-Large Members:	Samantha Hartsell, Justin Green, Teresa Seal, Karen Champion, Jessica Wood, Andrew Adams, Mindy Harris, Jason Hartsell	
Youth Minister: Ben Schaefer		

Children		
Chair: Sarah Beall		
	2026	
Nursery Chair		
At-Large Members:	Gayle McAlister, Patsy McReynolds, Mindy Harris, Jesley Long, Justin Green, Rachael Seal	
Director: Cristy Allen		