

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	Class of 2028
Heath Grimes	Susan Bordon	Emma Hoffman
Phillip Hamilton	Donita Abston	Kathy Glass
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 Girrard	
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		
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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		