



David West is married to Carol Davis West. They have three children: Bond (21), Libby (18) and Holt (15). David has been a member of FPC for 25 years. He has previously served on a Pastor Nominating Committee for the Senior Pastor at University Presbyterian Church, Austin and Search Committees for the Director of Youth Ministries and Director of Children’s Ministries at FPC. He is an Elder on rotation, and has served as Chair of the Officer Nominating Committee, a member of the Stewardship and Finance Committee, Chair of the Children’s Ministry Committee, and a member of the Personnel and Property Committee. David is a Board member of Morningside Ministries, Bexar County Detention Ministries, St. Luke’s Hospital Foundation, Alamo Heights School Foundation and the San Antonio Bar Association. He is an attorney. David’s hobbies include hiking, swimming, kayaking, music composition and writing plays/sketches.



Sidney Wilkins is married to Dr. Kaye E. Wilkins and they have three grown sons, David, Stephen (a Presbyterian Minister in Georgetown, South Carolina) and Allen; daughters-in-law Margie and Carol; and four teen-age grandchildren. She has been a member of FPC for 36 years. Sidney served on the Associate Pastors Nominating Committees that brought Ed Walthall and Bryan Eckelmann to FPC. She taught kindergartners in Sunday School. In addition, she served as a Nursery Angel and Church Godmother, Circle Chairman and President of Presbyterian Women. She has also served on the following committees: Local Missions, Global Missions, Senior Adult Ministry, Property and Personnel, Prayer Ministry and Officer Nominating Committees. Sidney was ordained as an elder in 1983. She served on several civic and community boards in the past, but now enjoys being a docent at Haven for Hope, showing and telling people about this wonderful project. She is a homemaker. Sidney enjoys many hobbies, mainly those that involve people. She loves to get recharged by spending time in the Rocky Mountains in Colorado with family and friends.

Committee to Recommend Overview

The members of the Committee to Recommend (CTR) were suggested by the Personnel and Property Committee and approved by the Session. Members of the Congregation were encouraged to place names of FPC members before the committee for consideration. CTR employed the same process that is used for nominating officers for the church. The process included a nominating form on the church website, printed forms in the Mauze Lobby and delivery to Barbara Anne Stephens’ personal e-mail. Approximately 100 names were brought to the committee for consideration. Each committee member received copies of every nomination form and every e-mail for review.

The CTR also developed the following list of spiritual traits and personal skills that will be helpful in a PNC person—one who

- Is committed to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior
- Trusts God and seeks his kingdom
- Is humble and open to the leading of the Holy Spirit
- Worships regularly, grows intentionally and serves generously
- Is able to surrender their personal desires and preferences
- Is available to meet two–three hours every week for an extended period of time (e.g. 18 months)
- Is willing to read extensively outside of meetings
- Is devoted to personal prayer
- Will travel, listen to sermons online and on CD, and will communicate via e-mail
- Possesses strong administrative, written communication, and leadership skills
- Welcomes God surprises

In our deliberations, the CTR members were very conscious of the following demographics: gender, residential zip codes, age, worship attendance, spiritual growth and service both to the members of FPC and to the greater community. We considered those who attend traditional worship and those who attend contemporary worship. We looked for those who are passionate about Christian education, those who work with the nursery and children, those who teach Sunday School, those who participate in Presbyterian Women, those who devote themselves to mission work, and those who have the spiritual gift of administration.

We bonded as a committee and we were respectful of each other’s opinions.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Anne Stephens, Chair

Members: Court Allen, Virginia Beeler, Jeanne Douglas, Barry Kruger, Billy Lyons and Willie Willming.



Recommendations for the Pastor Nominating Committee

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David Peeples has been married to Emily Peeples for 41 years. They have three children, Rebekah, Anne and David, and two grandchildren. David has been a member of FPC for 32 years. He has served on two Associate Pastor Nominating Committees and has served as both a Deacon and Elder since 1982. David has taught Sunday School for adults, youth and children as well as

Wednesday evening classes. In addition, he has chaired the Officer Nominating, Adult Education and Children's Ministry committees. David has also served as Commissioner to the PC(USA) General Assembly (1990), Special Prosecutor for Presbytery in a church discipline case and was a member of Presbytery's Permanent Judicial Commission. He has served on the FPC Children's Center, Child Advocates San Antonio and Morningside Ministry boards. In addition, he has also served on Habitat for Humanity projects and various legal committees. He is a Judge. David's hobbies include playing bridge, reading, hiking and working on projects around the house.



Lynnda Barnes has been married to Field Barnes for 32 years. They have a daughter, Blaire (23). Lynnda has been a member of FPC for 29 years. She is an Elder, has served as a Deacon, and is a Circle member. She has been Chair of Presbyterian Women and has served on the PW Council. Lynnda has also served on the following committees: Officer Nominating, Children's Ministry, Family Ministry, Personnel and Property, Evaluation/Compensation, and Search Sommittees for Children's

Ministry Director and Director of Middle School Ministry. In addition, she has served as a Presbytery Commissioner, VBS Coordinator, Mo-Ranch All-Church Retreat Coordinator, and Sunday School Teacher for three-year olds, 6th grade and 7th grade. She is a member of Bridges Sunday School class and the Thursday Morning Bible Study, 40 Days and Life Groups. Lynnda has served as Vice President for Service, Vice President for Building and President of the San Antonio Junior Forum. She is a homemaker. Lynnda's hobbies include reading, exercise, gardening and cooking.



Kirby Carpenter is married to Sylvia Z. Carpenter. He is the son of Bill Carpenter, deceased, former Moderator of Palo Duro Presbytery, and Betty Carpenter, former FPC PW President. Kirby has two sons, Ben (25) and Blake (21), and two stepsons, Malcolm Torres (20) and Spencer Torres (18). He has been a member of FPC for 15 years, is an Elder, has served as a Deacon and a

former Chair of the Global Missions Committee. Kirby has been active in FPC Border Missions from 1999 to the present and FPC Refugee ESL Ministry from 2008 to the present. He has also served on an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee for a Youth Minister. Kirby is a Central Texas Area Manager for Asco Texana Machinery. His hobbies include landscape gardening and being a basketball fan.



Meg Culp is married to John Culp and they have two children, Lenna (6) and Miller (3). Meg has been a member of FPC for four years. She serves on the FPC Nursery Ministry Committee as the Chair and the Children's Ministry Committee. In addition, she is a Wee Worship Leader, Director of the Basecamp Adult Sunday School class and a VBS Teacher. Meg serves as the

Vice-President of the Howard PTO (AHISD) and is a member of the Southwest Foundation Forum. She is a stay-at-home mom and a certified Spanish teacher. Meg's hobbies include reading, cooking, outdoor sports and activities.



Pat Johnson is married to G.W. (Buddy) Johnson and they have two sons, Matt (34) and Brad (30). Brad is married to Lisa. Pat has been a member of FPC for 24 years. She is an Elder on rotation and a current Deacon. She taught Confirmation Class as well as other Sunday School classes for children and youth and was a Confirmand Mentor. Pat is a Past

President of Presbyterian Women, Circle Leader and Bible Moderator. She has served on the Personnel and Property Committee, Hoon/Bullock Lecture Committee, Youth and Family Committee, Welcoming and Belonging Committee and was Chairman of the Officer Nominating Committee. Pat attends Thursday Morning Bible Study, Bridges Sunday School class, and is a

member of PW Circle 7. Pat is a Master Gardener at the San Antonio Botanical Garden and a volunteer at the Christian Dental Clinic office. Pat's hobbies include reading, golf, fishing, water aerobics and gardening.



Ben Mathews' parents, Jim and Melissa, live in Austin and he has two brothers, Lucas in Dallas and Ethan in Washington, D.C. He has been a member of FPC for almost two years but has been actively involved at FPC since his student days at Trinity University. Ben has served FPC in many capacities which include: Assistant to Middle School Youth Group (2002-2003),

Student Leader for The Well at Trinity University (2003-2005), Trip Leader on a one-week mission trip to Piedras Negras (2005), Loaves and Fishes participant (2005-2006), member on a five-week mission to Uganda (2007), Core Group Leader (2008-2009), Local Missions Committee member (2009-present) and Confirmation Class Mentor (2009-present). Ben volunteered for Habitat for Humanity (2003-present) and was a Volunteer Coordinator for Hurricane Katrina refugees (2005). He is a 4th Grade Teacher. Ben's hobbies include adventure sports, fishing, hunting, photography, collecting animals and wilderness survival.



Tom Ray has been married to Pamela G. Ray for 23 years. They have three children: daughter Kelsey, now a sophomore at Texas A&M University; and two sons, Carter, a senior at Floresville High School and Mason, an 8th grader at Floresville Middle School. Tom has been a member of FPC for 16 years. He served as a member of the Associate Pastor

Nominating Committee for Ruthie Seiders. He is an Elder, has been a High School Sunday School Teacher for the past seven years, a Youth Committee member, a member of Genesis II Sunday School class and an 11:05 a.m. traditional worship service usher. Tom has been a Floresville Independent School District Board of Trustees member since 2003 and is the current Board President. He is the Wilson County Appraisal District Board Vice President (2008-2010), Founder and Original President of the Wilson County Tax Payers Association, Board of Directors, Dairy Farmers of America (1997-2005) and a Wilson County Junior Livestock Show corporate Sponsor. Tom's hobbies include hunting and flying.