

DEACON BALLOT 2021

Instructions:

Each adult member (18 years and older) of Grace Community Church is encouraged to **vote for no more than three of the six nominees** to serve for a two-year term on the Deaconate Leadership Team. Nominations must be submitted to the Church office by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 14, 2021. The three individuals receiving the most votes will begin their term on November 1. They will serve with the three deacons still serving: David Jimenez, Jeremy Sanchez, and Britt Snyder.

Biblical Qualities of a Leader: (Please read before voting)

I Timothy 3:8-13: Deacons, likewise, are to be men worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons. In the same way, their wives (or “deaconesses”) are to be women worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything. A deacon must be the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well. Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus.

I Corinthians 13:1-7: If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Deaconate Nominations:

Based on the Biblical qualities of leadership given in the Scriptures listed above, I prayerfully vote for the following three individuals (listed alphabetically) to serve on the Deacon Leadership.

Please circle no more than THREE names:

Bill Bird

Kelly Cassels

Chris Hicks

Charlie Murphy

Stephen Smith

Ron Tidmore

**See reverse side for nominee bios.*

Your Name (Please Print)

(If you don't print your name, your vote doesn't count.)

BILL BIRD

- Married to Sharon for 23 years
- Three grown children
- Lives on the ranch that has been in the family since 1917; 31-year board member for Otero County Electric Cooperative.
- Hobbies: Ranching (but it's not a hobby – it's work!)
- Serves on the Greeting, Communion, Usher Ministry, and the Deacon Board (previously).



CHARLIE MURPHY

- Married to Kathy for 44 years
- Two grown children
- Financial Services for 30 years
- Hobbies: Cars
- Serves as Leader of Doorstep Ministry; member of the Usher Leadership Team, Tuesday Morning Prayer Group, and the Deacon Board (currently).



KELLY CASSELS

- Married to Lisa for 35 years
- Three grown children
- Attorney/ Shareholder in the Sanders Law Firm for 31 years.
- Hobbies: Reading history books, golf, tennis, yard work, keeping up with kids
- Serves at Grace on the Communion Team, and the Deacon Board (previously). Serving in Pecos Valley Teen Bible Study for 23 years.



STEPHEN SMITH

- Married to Lonna Kay for 13 years
- Eight grown children
- Retired from FedEx after 14 years
- Hobbies: taking trips with family and church friends
- Serves as Director of Volunteer Central, in the Usher Ministry, and the Deacon Board (currently).



CHRIS HICKS

- Married to Anne for 21 years in December
- Three grown children
- Independent Caregiver
- Hobbies: Reading, gardening, and home projects.
- Serves at Grace as Greeter, Base Coach, in the Usher Ministry, and the Deacon Board (currently). Chris loves to serve and meet needs around the church in every way he can.



RON TIDMORE

- Married to Meg for 35 years
- Four grown children
- Retired from RISD - School Administration
- Hobbies: playing golf with friends and watching the Dallas Cowboys
- Serves at Grace as Greeter, Small Group Leader, on the Communion Team, Usher Team and Search Team for pastoral hires in the past, and the Deacon Board (previously).

