



The Relay

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Year-end Giving

To claim a charitable contribution donation for 2024, donors must **deliver or mail (and postmark)** checks and on-line donations on or before **December 31, 2024**.

Church Offices Will Be Closed
December 23-27, 2024
and January 1, 2025

Good News of Great Joy

As we enter December, I want to share some good news of great joy, related to our church's financial standing, coming up on the end of 2024 and the beginning of 2025.

Four things I want to share:

- **First**, as of the end of October, we have a budget shortfall of \$48,948.20 for 2024. That might not sound like good news at first glance — but remember, we budgeted a \$100,000 shortfall, and we had nearly reached that point at the end of July. This three-month turnaround is nothing short of remarkable.

Your generosity has seen us through this current storm. November's numbers are not available yet, but I am doubly encouraged, as November and December are always our strongest giving months. In addition, we expect an investment earnings distribution by the end of the year that will make another dent in that deficit. Though it will be a stretch for us, we have a shot at actually making our budget this year!

- **Second**, you may have heard that Alamance has been promised a \$100,000 gift for 2025, to help us shore up the budget for next year. The generous donor gave this amount to help us retain staff. Though we are heartbroken to give up the Youth Director part of Andrew Long's position, we will be able to continue to employ him next year; as well as Jess, Dana, Lynn, Joy, Katie, Rebecca, Pricilla, and Manuel. The difference that will make is tremendous.

- **Third**, the results of our stewardship campaign have been wonderful. We began the campaign a month earlier than typical. We were worried how that might affect our response.

Your response has been tremendous. So far, 28 households have increased their pledges, resulting in \$22,832 *new* contributions to our budget. Due to changing life circumstances (retirement, a move, job loss, etc.), four households decreased their pledge, decreasing by \$2,940.

Twenty-one households kept their pledges the same. Eight new households pledged for the first time, though their giving has been consistent before. And, we have two new pledgers who have not supported us in the past.

We expect a few more pledges before year's end, but we could not be happier with this response.

If you have not made a pledge, the Stewardship Team continues to encourage you to do so. Even a small pledge makes a difference in our planning. If you could only pledge \$25, \$50, or \$100 as your commitment for 2025, we would welcome that. Of course, we welcome you all to exceed your pledge if you have that to share!

- **Fourth**, some things are happening to help offset costs. We have a renter for the Yellow House lined up, if all the inspections pass. Some solid prospects for our Education Building are in conversation with us.

It will be a delight to have children learning and growing on our campus again! A team is currently considering
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December Birthdays

- 1 Anna Dimmick
- 2 Toby Jobe
- 4 Lillie Snider
- 6 Ethel Allred
- 8 Jay Busby, Paul Camp
- 9 Jack Oliver
- 11 Mary Beard
- 12 Darren Stevens
- 13 Michael Holt, Susan Jefferson,
Sara Strandberg
- 14 JoAnn Camp
- 15 Gabby Brown
- 17 Lisa Benton, Debbie Gill,
Tommie Lynn Sullivan
- 18 Alex Ford
- 20 Christopher Skerlak
- 22 Wilma Grubb
- 25 Kitty Wells
- 27 Andrew Long
- 28 Lee Shores
- 29 Zach Hadley, Morgan Haynes
- 30 Emma Holland

January Birthdays

- 6 Alaska Schubert
- 7 Marlie Sullivan
- 11 Becky Brinkley, Steve Starr
- 14 Phil Smith
- 15 Linda Maness
- 23 Nancy Dyson, Jane Preston,
Patty Starr
- 25 Jon Garrett, Randy Maness,
Jim Witherspoon
- 26 Brad Reece
- 28 Pat Murray
- 29 Ken Hollingsworth
- 31 Hailey Humble, Wendy Mills,
Melinda White, Buck Yow

Follow the Star is Sunday, December 15

Follow the Star, a “progressive” Nativity play starring many children, youth, and grown-ups from our congregation and from Community in Christ Church, is on **Sunday, December 15**, at locations not-to-be-announced.

For *Follow the Star*, you show up at church, and receive instructions for how to get to the first location. At each location, you find out where to “progress” (walk or drive to) next. At the end, there’s a live nativity, and refreshments.

It’s fun. Trust us.



Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon

Following worship on Sunday, November 24, the congregation repaired to Brown Fellowship Hall, to enjoy a meal of turkey, dressing, gravy, and more side dishes and desserts than anyone had time to count. Everyone behaved themselves decently and in good order.

After the meal, many stayed on for the early afternoon, to help with the Hanging of the Greens. They adorned the sanctuary and other rooms in the church in preparation for Advent and Christmas.

Missions Update:

Submitted by Jesse & Erin,
Samuel, and Amos Atkinson:
Wycliffe Translators,
Oaxaca (wah-HAH-kah), Mexico
Serving the Zapotec people
of San Dionisio

At the beginning of November, Mexico celebrated the Day of the Dead, a multi-day celebration (despite the name sounding like just *one* day!) where families gather to remember the dead. Despite the wonderful family time, beautiful marigolds used to decorate, and delicious food that accompany this holiday, it's a very dark spiritual time in the area where we live, with ancestor worship and offerings made to the dead, and many other animistic beliefs.

Spiritual warfare sometimes feels heavier during these days, so we were thankful when the small church in San Dionisio chose to spend one of the days of these festivities on a retreat at a nearby river where five young people were baptized! We also took advantage of this "field day" with the congregation to have them fill out a survey about our tentative alphabet for their variety of Zapotec. It was a long but good day filled with fellowship and worship!

*Jesse, Erin, Samuel,
and Amos*



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another project that will help us sustain our budget long term. It's much too early to share details, but we want you to know that your leadership is not sitting idle.

We believe in the ministry of this church, and we are committed to seeking creative, outside-the-box opportunities and partnerships to help us grow.

If you have any questions or concerns, my office is always open to you.

If your friends share information with you that gives you pause, come directly to me about it. You all know that I am approachable, and I welcome the conversation.

It may not have been so in the past, but that is now the culture here at Alamance!

Grace and Peace, Merry Christmas, and — the Good Lord willing — a Happy New Year!

Kyle

Alamance Child Development Center Conversations

I know that many of you still have questions and concerns about the fate of our daycare. Its closure was devastating to us all, and is one of the worst things to happen to Alamance in recent memory.

Once more, I want to explain clearly what happened with the closure. There is nothing to hide here.

The COVID-19 pandemic was extremely difficult on the daycare. It was closed for a while. When it reopened, it no longer had the same enrollment as it had prior to March of 2020. Working in an environment with Covid regulations and restrictions was difficult.

The staff began to turn over, including Director Jane Preston and Assistant Director Keri Rojas. Jane retired, and Keri went to work at Alamance Elementary — which was also experiencing a teacher shortage.

One of Jane's biggest contributions to our post-pandemic "new normal" was to seek grants and government assistance. These were very large amounts, and from the beginning, we were completely reliant on those sources of funding. Jane helped us with these for a while, even after she retired.

Eventually, those sources of funding dried up. Without them, we were reliant on the daycare's savings to keep operating.

This was doubly difficult, because we found we were no longer able to recruit teachers at the previous pay scale. (McDonald's was paying \$20 an hour or more, just to recruit employees. Some of the teachers were making half that.) We had to increase base pay 30-40%, to attract new employees to replace the ones who turned over.

When existing employees found out that new applicants were making significantly more than *they* had been offered, they rightly asked that their pay be increased.

The CDC Board voted several times to increase tuition, but these incremental increases did not make up the difference. In hindsight, the board should have dramatically increased the price. We were afraid we would lose many of the children we had enrolled if we did: Parents were quick to tell us that they would remove their children if we increased the tuition further.

We also struggled to manage the daycare after Jane and Keri left. In the beginning, we replaced both positions. It quickly became clear that the daycare lacked funding to keep both positions.

This further compounded trouble. Because the workforce was largely new and inexperienced, we were no longer providing the quality care and education experience our community expected.

We were cited for many more state violations than in the past. Just dealing with compliance paperwork became almost a full-time job. There was little time or resource for a more comprehensive and creative approach to financial management or improvements to the center. The staff and the board were overwhelmed.

In the spring of 2024, the board's plan was to increase the tuition again, after Labor Day. Based on the financial information we had, we believed that the extra tuition from a summer camp program for school age children would be enough to help us reach Labor Day.

Instead, by the end of June, the daycare had failed. Enrollment and income for the summer did not meet the need for the increased staffing during the summer. The daycare had exhausted its financial resources, and lacked the funds even to pay its creditors.

The board had no choice but to vote to close.

I would point out that the decision was **not** the church's to make. Well before my tenure, Session decided to incorporate the daycare as its own 501c3 nonprofit corporation. Though Session elected representatives to the board, Session did not have direct oversight of the daycare after its incorporation, according to the daycare's new bylaws.

The daycare operated that way for more than a decade. Yes, it true that the daycare could have come to the church and asked for funds to keep going. But the church was in the midst of its own financial challenges. Without a plan to keep the daycare solvent, it made no sense to ask for that help just to get through the summer.

Some of you have expressed concerns about financial impropriety, particularly related to outstanding credit card debts.

It is true that when the daycare closed, the board was not aware that the daycare was carrying a credit card balance of over \$10,000. The business had used the credit card to sustain expenses that masked some of its profit and loss.

It is **not** true, however, that there was any malfeasance. The board — of course — has access to all of the daycare’s credit card statements. All purchases and bills were used to cover legitimate expenses.

I have heard that it has been frustrating for many in the church not to have clear and easy answers about the daycare’s closure. From the length of this explanation, I hope you can see that the reasons for the daycare’s closure are numerous and complex.

The daycare closed because of the pandemic, the drying up of grant funding, staff turnover and increased personnel costs, decreased enrollment, difficulty with strong financial management, a failure to increase tuition, and poor planning for the summer staff-to-enrollment ratios.

I promise you, the particulars of some of these things are even more convoluted and complex. The daycare situation has been a nightmare for a faithful volunteer board that has done all it can to address impossibly difficult situations.

One thing I can tell you is that the daycare has been able to settle all its debts, primarily due to the sale of its buses; as well as an outstanding Employee Retention Credit that was unaccounted for at the daycare’s closure. All creditors, the IRS, and the credit card company have been paid in full. The daycare even has some money left over. It will keep its accounts active for a year to ensure every debt has been paid.

At that point, any and all remaining funds will be given to the church.

I would invite you to join me in expressing appreciation to the volunteer board who has been asked to work long hours to resolve all of this; to Jane, Keri, and Mary Ellen Shores for the heart and soul they poured into the daycare; to Ryian Gunn and the staff who did all they could to keep things going; and to all the teachers and staff who came before them and provided such a wonderful learning environment to help children thrive.

Please know we are not finished with that educational space. Please be in prayer for whatever the Spirit’s plans are for the ministry that happens there next.

In Hope,

Kyle

Join your APC family for a very special Seniors & Friends visit to the Carolina Theatre on December 23rd at 2pm for a screening of “It’s a Wonderful Life!”

**Tickets are only \$7!
RSVP to Pastor Jess by
December 19th to
celebrate the season
with us!
ALL are welcome!**



It's a Wonderful Life



Unacceptable Gifts

(We've said it before; we'll say it again.)

Oh, how the spirit of generosity spills over into every aspect of life, at Christmastime! Sometimes, when those spills happen, they create messes for others to clear away. As our old friend Frederick Buechner would say, "**Faithful stewardship is where our heart's generosity meets the world's truest need.**"

"Have no fear," our preachers assure us, "we have no qualms about asking for donations. We are only too happy to beg for donations for nearly everything under the sun."

Because there are so many worthy charitable causes which can use help, money, time, and odd bits of specifically-asked-for items, here is a list of things that most charitable organizations — including this church — are not able to receive as donations:

1. Old pianos in any state of disrepair.
2. Old pianos in general, even those in good condition — call to ask before driving miles and miles to drop off that heavy piece of musical furniture.
3. Broken toys.
4. Bags of unwashed laundry.
5. Television screens, of any sort — call first to determine if they will be of actual use. (In case of a disaster that destroys a home, among the last things the erstwhile homeowner immediately needs is the kind-hearted donation of seven old television sets from people who are replacing their own sets with newer models.)
6. Old pianos.
7. Old electronic devices: VHS players, "square" t.v. sets, vacuum-tube radios, computers from the 1990s, record players, slide projectors, etc.
8. Rotary dial telephones. In fact, any telephone, of any description.
9. Broken and/or dirty furniture.
10. Old pianos.
11. Household linens/blankets/quilts that have been stored for decades in outside facilities rife with insect and rodent colonies. (Should we observe that Dear Great-Grandmother's hand-stitched quilt has mice running around between the layers, that precious item will be trotted straight to the dumpster — mice and all.)
12. Old pianos.
13. Broken lamps.
14. Washing machines, clothes dryers, dishwashers, stoves, microwave ovens, trash compactors, refrigerators, freezers, etc. Unless we ask for it, we can't use it — even if it is a top-of-the-line appliance, in good working order.
15. Broken musical instruments that are *not* pianos.
16. Instamatic cameras.
17. Old sewing machines, even if they are running well.
18. Ancient encyclopedias. The information in them is no longer useful to researchers; and they don't burn well. We've tried.
19. Buckets and cans of dried-up paint/stain/varnish/spackle.
20. Old pianos.
21. Broken dishes, drinking glasses, vases, etc.
22. Bibles. We are, of course, called to do our part in fulfilling the Great Commission of **Matthew 28**. That happens best when we share the faith in our hearts, not the weathered tomes gathering dust on our shelves. It is not a sin to recycle an old Bible.
23. Printers.
24. Firearms, cannons, bazookas, grenades, ammunition, swords, crossbows, etc.
25. Old pianos.
26. Pets.
27. Agricultural livestock — though we may ask to borrow animals for a live nativity scene, every couple of years.

All kidding aside, there are sound reasons for those "We do not accept blah blah blah" signs at donation sites. Items that cannot be sold for a profit, or put directly to use by a charity, must be responsibly and safely discarded. Just as would you, the charity has to pay extra to dispose of hazardous waste items such as computers and t.v. sets.

Acceptable Gifts

An *acceptable gift* is a special kind of gift — the kind that pleases God. A biblical theme throughout both the Old and New Testaments uses the words "pleasing" and "acceptable" when referring to these gifts. God finds them pleasurable, satisfying and delightful.

"For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has — not according to what one does not have." - **2 Corinthians 8:12, NRSV**

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.'" - **2 Corinthians 9:7-10, NRSV**

"By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things."

- **Galatians 5:22, NRSV**



Backpack Beginnings

After the big covered-dish Thanksgiving meal on Sunday, November 24, 18 Kids R.O.C.K. children and 9 adult helpers, and 9 youth and 8 adult helpers went to the Backpack Beginnings warehouse to put together packages of food for needy children and their families.

This “mini-mission” trip is always popular with our young folk. Sometimes they pack food, sometimes they pack toys, sometimes they pack clothing.



Children at Church

- submitted by Joy Thomas,
Director of Children's Ministries

What a beautiful sight, to see new little faces at church!

To help guide them along their faith journeys, and to allow parents to worship without tending to their baby, I NEED YOUR HELP!

Would you give some prayerful consideration to helping with at least one of the Children's Ministries programs? Even for just one Sunday — if everyone gave just one Sunday — things would be covered.

To fully staff the church nursery each week, both during Sunday school and worship, it takes 200 people: 50 people per quarter.

There are lots of opportunities for you to serve! If you are willing to help, sign up at this link: <https://signup.com/go/YNHVjxB>.

If online signups drive you crazy, email or call me; and I will sign you up. joy@alamancechurch.org, 336.697.0488 ext. 132).

Note well: Volunteers who work with children must pass a background test. Contact Dana Adams to request her aid in this (dana@alamancechurch.org).



Kids R.O.C.K. and Youth Groups

After Follow the Star (Sunday, December 15), Kids Reaching Out to Christ's Kingdom and the Middle School and High School youth groups take a well-earned hiatus from Sunday evening meetings.

These fellowship groups are a vital part of the life and work of our congregation.

Kids R.O.C.K. is for children in grades 2-5. Middle School is for children in grades 6-8. High School is for grades 9-12.

Claytivity at The Forge

In the first week of December, a merry troupe of holiday crafters met at The Forge in downtown Greensboro. They had a guided tour of the “maker space,” and then molded, painted, and fired clay Nativity figures.



Food Pantry Special Collections

The APC Food Pantry asks for specific food items each month:

- **December:** Soups
- **January:** Canned beans
- **February:** Canned pasta
- **March:** Peanut butter, jelly
- **April:** Canned fruits
- **May:** Canned vegetables
- **June:** Macaroni-and-cheese
- **July:** Crackers
- **August:** Canned pasta
- **September:** Cereal, oatmeal
- **October:** Canned meats
- **November:** Dry pasta, sauce

Deposit food in the big box in the Gathering Place (and clean, dry, plastic grocery bags); or contact Amy Yow directly to arrange a transfer directly to the Food Pantry storage rooms (336.706.3550)

Potter's House

Greensboro Urban Ministry's Potter's House provides lunch to over 400 guests, daily. 100 guests staying in GUM's Weaver House shelter are served breakfast and supper there. These two meals are frequently sponsored by church and civic groups that have been coming out for 15 years or more.

Work in the kitchen starts bright and early at 6 a.m., when volunteers arrive to prepare breakfast. Immediately after everything is cleaned up from breakfast, another volunteer shift starts preparing lunch.

Potter's House helps in more ways than offering food. In addition to a good meal, it provides a place where guests experience positive human connections. The material reality of homelessness is hard, and is compounded by feelings of invisibility. Giving people a place to belong and speak with others can make them feel seen and valued.

Potter's House staff and volunteers promote the dignity and well-being of these guests, through kind words and compassionate service.

APC has served supper to hungry guests at the Greensboro Urban Ministry Potter's House since 2004, on the **third Saturday of odd-numbered months**.

The work is intense, but not long: Arrive at **6 p.m.** to set up; serve food from **7-7:45 p.m.**; clean up and zip out the door by **8:15 p.m.**



Mini Miss North Carolina Southern Regal, five-year-old Azalea, collected 409 pounds of food for the APC Food Pantry this year. Collecting food is one of her projects. Last year, Azalea donated 203 pounds to us.

Thank you, Azalea!





Wreaths Across America

At **12 noon** on **Saturday, December 14**, a Daughters of the American Revolution event honors 229 veterans in the APC cemetery. Thank you so much for your generous response: the goal of 230 was met, with 100+ to carry over until next year.

- Linda Aydelette, David & Melinda White, Frankie Forbis; and Christine Distelhorst of the Colonel Arthur Forbis Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.



A Reminder

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, commonly known as HIPAA, is a federal law that requires public entities to respect the privacy of individuals regarding information about their health.

Sometimes people ask that Alamance Presbyterian Church not reveal details about why prayers for health are requested.

We are bound both by a polite consideration of their request for privacy, and also by federal law, not to reveal those details.



Historical Room Team's Ongoing Photo Project

Every November, a generous donor arranges to print a Veterans Day booklet, listing all the military veterans (of whom we know) who were members of APC while they served. We'd like to include four or five photos of those veterans in each yearly edition.

In preparation for that project, we ask for photos of as many APC veterans as possible, to incorporate into the booklet. Everyone's photo cannot be included, every year — there are over 300 military veterans on the list! If your photo isn't used in 2024, it will appear in subsequent years.

Photo stipulations are as follows:



- Veteran is **in uniform**.

- Photo is **labeled** with name, military branch, highest rank achieved.
- A photo **consent form** (for print and digital media) is signed by either the veteran or his/her living relative.
- Digital photos should be submitted in **JPEG format**.
- **Hard copies** of photos will be scanned, and returned to their owners as soon as possible.

Email your photos to Linda Aydelette at linda.aydelette@gmail.com; or give them to her for scanning. Questions about this on-going project? Contact her directly (336-202-2842, linda.aydelette@gmail.com).

Memorials and Honoraria

To the Operating Fund: In memory of Faye Wood by Hank & Debbie Gil, Geneva Boswell. In memory of Enos Smith by Brad & Barbara Reece, Thelma Greeson, Buck & Amy Yow, Johnny & Jean King, Loretta Allred, Floyd Fogleman. In memory of David Hodgins by Loretta Allred, Floyd Fogleman. In memory of Betty Waters by Thelma Greeson. In memory of Judy Forbis by Frankie & Angie Forbis. In honor of Marie Hodgins's 100th birthday by Stevie & Patty Starr, Frankie & Angie Forbis, Buck & Amy Yow, Judy Adams, Richard & Wilma Grubb, Judy Lambert, Jim & Risa Witherspoon, Rugh Hodgins Baca. In honor of Sam & Ada Nelson by Joel & Ann Long. In honor of Lillie Snider's 95th birthday by Charlotte Sizemore.

To the Cemetery Care Fund: In memory of Enos Smith by David & Cathy Wray, Jane Miller, Celyn Holt, Judy Bowman Ledbetter. In memory of a great lady who lived to the marvelous age of 105.6, Laura W. Fogleman by Darrell Parker. In memory of Garland & Martha Ann Jobe who spent over 50 years dedicated to the wellbeing of the church cemetery by Darrell Parker.

To the Lift Van Fund: In honor of Marie Hodgins's 100th birthday by Darrell Parker.

The Coble House

This substantial dwelling served as a pastor's manse for years. The manse was decommissioned as a preacher's house in 2018, and re-named. Coble House is dedicated to the memory of church member the Honorable John Howard Coble, a long-serving U.S. Representative.

The mission of Coble House is to extend the hospitality and welcome of our church to all who seek a space to gather, celebrate, find retreat, and renew their faith.

Coble House may be reserved for church-sponsored events. It is also available to rent for private events. Coble House may well serve your entertaining needs.



For more information, contact Marianne Cimino or Phyllis Monroe (coblehouse@alamancechurch.org); or look on the Coble House page on the church website (www.alamancechurch.org).

The Yellow House



The lovely five-room commercial space — with bathroom and kitchen — is available for lease. This standalone includes a covered porch, handicap ramp, and several windows allowing plenty of natural light.

The space is partially fenced. Extensive nature trails are located behind.

Interested parties (non-profit businesses) may find details here: <https://www.equitycommercialproperties.com/listings/detail/eea4cac7-9aa3-4356-b795-d443da8d9673>



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We are a Stephen Ministry church.
We are a Hunger Action congregation.

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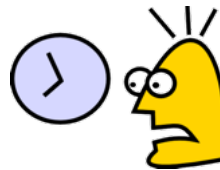
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1. Go to our website, www.alamancechurch.org. At the top of the page, choose *Livestream*. That option takes you directly to the latest worship service, and any prior recorded services that are still available for you to view.
2. **Before you can access the live streaming service**, you must open an account with Vimeo, either with your e-mail or your Facebook account.

**Newsletter
Deadline**



Deadline for the **January, 2025** issue of **The Relay** is **Friday, December 20**. The deadline is printed on the back page of each issue of the newsletter.

Post your articles by U.S. mail, by e-mail (lynn@alamancechurch.org), climb on a camel and deliver it in person (park the camel in the back yard, please), or phone the office (336-697-0488 x 121) to deliver the news. Newsletter policy is posted on the website, www.alamancechurch.org.

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APC now has a QR code to connect you quickly to our website ...



... **and** one that will take you directly to the Serve page, for info about how to volunteer.

Our mission statement:

We welcome all to the community of Jesus: to connect, to learn, to worship, to serve.

We are a **Matthew 25** Church.

We are a Hunger Action congregation.

We have a Stephen Ministry.

Current Officers

The Session is the governing body of our congregation. Officers are called Elders. Each "class" serves a three-year term. Stated meeting is on the **fourth Sunday of each month, at 2 p.m.** in the Uffman classroom (unless otherwise noted).

Class of 2024:

Kris Burns
Terri Busby
Graham Dail
Willie Goncharow
Pat Lovell

Class of 2026:

Becky Brinkley
Naomi Church
Beth McCall
Kitty Wells

Class of 2025:

Lou Gonzalez
Shannon Haynes
Ty Kimbro
Trey Oliver
Terry Schubert

Youth Elder:

Ryan Garrett

Clerk of Session:

Graham Dail

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