



NATHAN BURGESS (ELDER)

Nathan and his wife Megan have been members of Central Presbyterian Church since 2013 and enjoy raising their two young boys, Preston(3) and Hunter(1), in this community. He was raised in a Christian home and feels blessed to have the solid foundation of this example of faithful parenting early in his life. He works hard with Megan to instill this same knowledge of Jesus's love to his own boys. He has served on the Adult Education Committee, the Evangelism and Assimilation Committee, and various task forces. Nathan currently co-leads a Community group. He has been active in his service as an Elder over the past three years and hopes to continue to serve this community in this leadership role over the next 3 years with full support from Megan.



TIM CORBETT (ELDER)

Tim and his wife, Rebecca, joined Central in 1995. They have 2 adult daughters. Tim became a Christian in middle school, but says he really came to understand how he was saved within months of attending Central. Tim says his "biblical journey at Central brought John 3:16 to life. The Word not only provides this assurance, but time and time again validates through truth." At Central, Tim ushers, serves communion, and is a lay shepherd. He and Becky also volunteer with Harvest. He has been a deacon, served as Chair of the Senior Pastor Search Committee, and has been the "go-to guy" for several years for the Easter sunrise service. Tim is also Co-Chair of the "Evening of Celebration" which is planned for March 2020 to celebrate Central's 175th Anniversary. Tim states that he is now retired and wants to increase his work for the church.



DAVE DUNLAP (ELDER)

Dave and his wife, Lisa, are so grateful to the Lord for bringing them to Central in the 1980s. God has boldly demonstrated his love and faithfulness to their family and their church home since that time. Dave has been blessed and grown in faith by being called to serve his church family in several ways – as Elder, Deacon, School Board member, Sunday School teacher, and Bus Driver. Although Dave felt underqualified for each role, God has always been faithful and found ways to bring glory to himself. Outside of church, Dave and Lisa enjoy time with the families of their 3 married children and their 2 granddaughters



PETE GEISZ (ELDER)

Pete is married to Julie and they have four children...Hannah (22), Sarah (20), Mark (19) and Stewart (16). Christ became Pete's personal Savior when he was eleven years old and has attended Central since 1994. Pete currently serves as an elder, leads a flock group, and leads a Friday morning men's bible study. Pete has lead Sunday School with our youth and has been involved in couples Sunday School leadership, and the new member class. He has also been a leader with Bible Study Fellowship. You may see Pete using his musical gifts as he occasionally helps lead worship during the second service.



JOSH HAGAR (ELDER)

Josh has been a Christian for 37 years. He became a Christian at the age of 5. He has "known Christ as long as he can remember". He saw significant growth in his faith during college while he attended at Covenant College. He is married to Sarah and they have 3 daughters; Huntleigh(13), Lucy(11), & Polly(7). He currently serves as the head of the board at Central Christian School, and also serves by shepherding a young man in our church body. He has previously led Sunday school classes at another local church and enjoys supporting pastors around the US. He feels a clear call at this time to be a servant leader at Central.



JOHN HOLMES (ELDER)

John and his wife Veeda have 3 boys: Jackson (14), Levi, (11), and Aysa (8). John was brought up in a Christian home, but it was during his college years that his faith became personal, and Jesus truly became Lord of his life. John has worked full-time with Young Life for the past 25 years and is currently the Director of Strategy and Initiatives for Young Life’s Office of Diversity and Inclusion. As well, he continues to develop local Young Life leadership here in St. Louis. He and his family moved to St. Louis in 2008, and they joined Central in 2009. At Central, John has helped lead Sunday School, served on the Missions Committee, participated in Spring Storm, and has served as an elder.



ED KOEHLER (ELDER)

Ed and his wife, Judy, are parents to two grown children, Stephanie and Anna. Ed has been an Evangelical Christian for 45 years. He came to faith through various witnesses and reading Romans. Ed states that his salvation “is based on Jesus Christ, His person and work. His death atoned for my sins, His resurrection secures my life and future resurrection”. Ed is a Flock Shepherd, community group leader, a greeter, and in the past has taught Sunday School, served on the session, and been involved in Equip Central and prayer chapel. Ed will be working with Friends of Adams School in the coming year. Ed believes that serving can benefit our pastors, lightening their loads, as well as helping to advance the grace and peace at CPC, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the champion of our faith.



NEAL NIELSEN (ELDER)

Neal is married to Mary, and they have grown children and many grandchildren. He has been a Christian for 47 years, as he realized his need for a personal Savior and recognizes Jesus Christ as his Savior. Neal and his wife strive to exhibit Christian values to their children and grandchildren. Neal has been teaching adult Sunday School for over 25 years, and is also an Elder and an Elder (flock) Shepherd. Neal also teaches at the county jail – Mission Gate. Neal and Mary also meet with people over coffee or dinner to shepherd them.



JIM POHLMAN (ELDER)

Jim Pohlman is married to Judy and they have four children: Kellie (40), Philip (33), Grace (30) and Emma (23). Jim accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior in 1988 at the St Louis Mayor’s Prayer breakfast. Jim joined Central in 2005 and is actively serving as an usher and volunteering with the Friends of Adam program for Adams School. Jim and Judy have been involved in a C Group as members and as leaders. Jim has led a weekly discipleship/bible study group at his office and has previously served as a deacon and a member of the ONCC.



GARY SMITH (ELDER)

Gary is married to Jan, and has been a member since 2013. They have two grown children, Jeff and Julie. Gary came to faith when he was baptized at the age of 11 or 12. He states that his relationship with Christ is personal and has steadily grown, especially since being a part of CPC. Gary’s assurance of salvation “is by knowing I am saved and justified by Christ’s grace alone-but not on faith that is alone. And is also based on my consistent and persistent faith and obedience to Christ and the Word.” Gary is committed to sharing his faith with his wife, children and grandchildren, discussing scriptures with them often. Gary is very involved in the Lay Shepherd Ministry, as he is an Elder Shepherd, Jan is a Lay Shepherd. Gary leads a group of shepherd elders as a member of the Flock Oversight Team. Gary is a greeter, and a mentor for members seeking employment. Gary shares “Being called to be an elder is by far the most humbling experience I have ever had. The call to serve the Lord in this role - to use the gifts he has given me to serve others is and has been both uplifting and helped me to grow my spiritual maturity as well”.

Central Presbyterian Church Officer candidates must be men, must have been members of CPC for at least the last 2 years and meet the biblical requirements established in 1 Timothy 3:1-12 and Titus 1:6-9. For a full description of the characteristics and requirements, as outlined by the Evangelical Presbyterian Book of Order (CH. 10, Sections 4-8), please visit centralpres.com/officer-qualifications.



TYLER STEPHENS (ELDER)

Tyler says he was born into the church and has always believed. His faith became his own at age 10. From there, he has continued to grow. Tyler and his wife, Elizabeth, lead a Sunday School group with about 80 members. They regularly care for, pray for, and serve this group. Tyler also shepherds his employees at work. He prays daily and says his study of The Word is best when he is teaching a Sunday School class which is why he does this regularly. When asked why he believes God has called Tyler to be a servant leader at Central, he responds "It is how He created me. I am not a bystander".



ADAM WOODWARD (ELDER)

Adam is married to Ana and they have three children...Bennett (20), Ian (19) and Isabel (15). Jesus became Adam's personal Lord and Savior while attending a summer camp in the early 1980's. Adam grew up attending Central and became a member in the mid 1980's. He is currently serving on the board of Central Christian School and has served on the board in the past. Adam has also served as a deacon and teacher in the past.



JARED GILBERT (DEACON)

Jared has known Christ for nearly 20 years. He was introduced to Christ by his wife Kelly in college. Her patient and persistent faith revealed Christ's truth to him. He and Kelly have a son named Ian who is 16. They have been members of Central since 2004 and during that time he has served Central in many ways including singing in the choir, serving as deacon, leading the parking ministry, preparing for communion & leading the CarePortal ministry to name a few. He also attends a weekly men's study group. Jared believes his practical service to the church has spoken to others who feel his style of leadership would be beneficial to building God's kingdom in our church and community.



DEREK LOHSE (DEACON)

Derek has known the Lord since his childhood, having been raised in a strong, scripture based church. He bases his salvation on his acceptance of Jesus as his Lord, and the presence of the Holy Spirit working in his life each day. Setting a Godly example for his family is of primary importance to Derek, as well as the privilege of spiritually mentoring a group of young men in his office. Derek and his wife, Anne, serve on the Family Ministry Team, and he also volunteers once a month with the 4th and 5th grade Sunday School classes. Derek and Anne have 4 daughters, ages 6,7,10 and 12.



BRIAN ZIEBARTH (DEACON)

Brian and his wife, Jenni, have 4 children...Rebecca (26), Rachel (24), Ruth Ann (21), and Andrew (19). Brian grew up in a "church attending family" and became a believer in April 1979. He was confronted with life for Jesus or life for self and made the choice that life for Jesus was preferable. He lives by this question..."If I am the only Christian that a person knows, would they be able to see Christ in me?" Since joining Central in 2016, Brian is teaching kids/youth at Wednesday evening Kid Central and is an active member of the Mission Committee. Brian considers it an honor to be asked to serve and is humbled to be considered.



CHER CURTIS (ONCC)

Cher and her husband, Lee, have three children, Libby, Sarah, and Doug and been involved in the life and programs of Central for many years. For Cher, God has always been a part of her life; after college, Cher was led to become a discussion leader and substitute teacher for BSF, then began serving Central in the Children's Ministry, including as Director for several years. Cher has an abiding personal relationship with Jesus, which has become even more important in recent years facing some health challenges; she has, with God's grace, learned to become a Mary as well as a Martha. She currently serves on the Family Ministry Center Team, teaches a 2nd/3rd grade Sunday school class; previously served on the ONCC, and looks forward to doing so again if chosen.



VEEDA HOLMES (ONCC)

Veeda has a very clear memory of sitting in her maternal grandmother's house at 3 years old and telling her parents that she wanted to follow Jesus. When she was 7, Veeda was baptized. Veeda was taught that to be a Christian meant to have a personal relationship with Jesus. She starts her day with a 10-12 minute app that has a bit of singing and a scripture reading and guided reflection for the day. It's a lovely way to begin her day and she ends this time by saying the Lord's Prayer. Since Veeda and her husband John became members of Central in January 2009, Veeda has served on the search committee for our pastor of Evangelism and Outreach, the Vision Task Force, and she volunteers in a few of the children's ministry classes.



CAROLINE INAZU (ONCC)

Caroline and her husband, John, are parents to three children, Lauren (12), Hana (10) and Sam (6). Caroline put her faith in Christ at a weekend youth Young Life camp in North Carolina, where "I understood the depths of my sin and my need for a Savior. Throughout high school, college and beyond, my relationship with Christ has continued to grow, especially through community and the church. I find my identity in Christ first, which tells me who I am and whose I am, and that pours into every other relationship in my life." She sets aside time to pray daily and has Scriptures delivered to her phone every day. She is also in the Thursday women's Bible study, and meets with her small group every other week. Caroline is part of the Family Ministries Center, serving in the past as a Spring Storm leader, a Kid Central volunteer, Equip Central volunteer for elementary age, and Sunday morning leader for 9th grade girls. Caroline says "I care deeply about our church and its leadership, and how God is moving in our midst, and ONCC is a great way to enter into what God is calling our church to as we celebrate 175 years and look forward to the future."



DAWN LINDSTROM (ONCC)

Dawn is married to Jeff, and they have four children-Alex, Max (Claire), Anna (Drake) and Maggie. Dawn came to know Christ her freshman year of college and says he is her rock, her hope and the one she can depend on every minute of life. "He is my Savior who loves me and died for my sins." Dawn has previously served as an ONCC member from 2015-2016. Dawn is active in the ministries of Central and co-leads the Thursday morning women's bible study. She has taught Sunday school to three and four year olds, served on Julie's kitchen team, helped with elementary students on Wednesday evenings as well as being a youth helper and has been a member of Women's Ministries Sarah Circle.



JANE ROMINES (ONCC)

Jane and her husband, Kenneth, joined the church in 1980. Jane states that she grew up in a Christian family, and accepted Jesus as her personal Savior at the age of 11 or 12. Jane shares that "My assurance in salvation is through the life and death of Jesus Christ. He died for me and will come again to take me to His heavenly home." Jane has a focus on prayer, praying throughout the day, and daily setting aside a particular time to concentrate on a longer and deeper prayer time. Jane studies God's word on her own, but loves the Friday morning Women's Bible study! Jane has been active in the choir and has also served at the Businessmen's luncheons. If called to serve on the ONCC, Jane states that she will serve to the best of her ability.



BECKY SHIFFLET (ONCC)

Becky and her husband John have been members of Central since 1992. They have 2 adult children; Erica & Joe. Becky has been a Christian for 28 years. After becoming a Christian she attended Bible Study Fellowship and fell in love with God's word and the Lord Jesus Christ. She has served Central in the past by helping with the new members class, coordinated Discipleship by Design and led the groups, hosted and led a C-Group and served on local missions, communion prep committee, Mad About You mentor/committee, and Navigators Sunday School leadership. Currently she is a lay shepherd and she and John serve as greeters. Becky enjoys having a daily devotional time and has a long list of people that she prays for daily. She attends the Thursday women's bible study and another bible study group every other Friday. She loves Central and prays for our pastors, staff and their families, session, deacons and leaders/teachers. She prays that the Lord will continue to provide Godly God-honoring servants to lead our church and would be honored to be a part of the 2020-2021 Officer Nominating Committee.