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2009 BOARD NOMINEES

Election of Officers, February 22, 2009

Continuing Board Members

Elders	Term Expires
Steve Baker	2010
Jack Kamerick	2011
Scott Longstreet	2010
Doug Shelton	2011
Bob Sorensen	2010
Terry Stark	2010
Chuck Underwood	2011

Deacons	Term Expires
Darrel Adams	2011
Aaron Baugher	2010
Larry Dunlap	2010
Jim Feleay	2010
Larry Harker	2011
Paul Olson	2011
Phil Olson	2011
Jamie Smith	2010

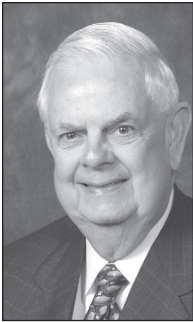
The elected officers of First Federated Church include ELDERS and DEACONS. These officers are elected annually by the congregation on the last Sunday in February. The annual election of church officers for 2009 will be conducted on February 22, 2009 from 9:00–10:45AM in the auditorium foyer nursery hallway and from 10:15–10:45AM in the Franklin Hall foyer. Ballots will be available to members 16 years of age and over. Members may vote for up to 4 Elders and 3 Deacons. We strongly encourage you to participate even though there is a small slate of candidates to affirm. Should you know that you will be unable to attend the morning of the 22nd, you may vote by absentee ballot in the church office. Beginning February 16, ballots will be available in the office during normal business hours. Those voting absentee should put their completed ballot in an envelope, seal it, and write their name on the outside of the envelope so your name can be recorded on the membership list as having voted. All voting closes at 10:45AM on February 22.

To serve in a leadership position at First Federated Church, an individual must:

- Have accepted Jesus Christ as personal Savior,
- Have been a member for at least one year,
- Agree to fully support the church's doctrinal position as outlined in our Statement of Faith,
- Evidence loyalty to Jesus Christ, the church, its pastors, staff and members,
- Provide systematic financial support to the church,
- Be known for living a dedicated Christian life according to the standards of God's Word, and purpose to remove any sin, doubtful conduct and wrong conversation from his life so that his influence is helpful rather than a hindrance. Some references illustrating this influence are:

Romans 14:21 | I Corinthians 8:9 | I Corinthians 10:31

Based on I Timothy 3:1-13 and Titus 1:5-9, we believe that those serving as Elders or Deacons may not have been previously divorced, nor have a spouse who has been divorced.



Jim Erickson

I was born and raised in Des Moines and have lived here all my life. I was raised in a Christian home and received Christ as my Savior at age 12 with my mother by my side. I graduated from East High School and Wheaton College.

I am currently chairman of the Board of Anderson Erickson Dairy Co. and chairman of the Des Moines International

Airport Board. I served on the Board of the Evangelical Alliance Mission (TEAM) for twenty five years and have served on many local civic and business related boards here in Des Moines and nationally. I have served one term on the First Federated Church Elder Board and am currently Vice-Chairman of the Official Board.

I feel I can continue to help the First Federated Church Elder Board in the area of executive ability and through my many contacts in the community. My specific goals coincide with the goals the church has adopted: I will continue to push to retire the church debt and remain debt free. I strongly believe in missions, both local and international. I believe in these times that outreach to the unsaved and discipleship of believers are two very important goals. These goals should be a matter of prayer by the whole body at First Federated Church.



Jeff Harper

I grew up in a Christian home and was told about God since I can remember. They said that Jesus died on the cross to pay for my sins and I needed to ask His forgiveness, believe He died for me and ask Him into my heart. So when I was about 5 or 6, I prayed with my mother to receive Christ into my heart and life.

Over the years I have served one term as Deacon and two terms as Elder, and am currently the Church Treasurer. I have been president of the Homebuilders ABF class, served as a T&T leader, and been involved in the evangelism ministry. Currently I am a youth small group leader and teach and coordinate the Good Sense ministry.

I would like to see balance in the congregation demographically and in spiritual maturity. We must reach out to the unbeliever, help young adults find relevance for their Christian faith, and help all believers continually mature in their faith. Prayer is of vital importance to follow God's leading. While I support world missions, having been on numerous short-term missions trips, I also want our body to be so excited about the Lord Jesus that we can't help but tell those we meet every day. It is very exciting to see the debt paid off, so we can look ahead and save for the future needs of the ministry.



Scott Johnson

I was fortunate to be raised in a strong and godly home and my parents were a great example of faithfulness to Christ, His Church, and to one another. When I was twelve years old, during a week of camp at Twin Lakes Bible Camp, I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal savior. I believe that by accepting and believing in the redeeming work of Jesus Christ, we

will spend eternity in the presence of God.

My wife Marie and I have been married for over 29 years and have been members of First Federated Church for nearly 25 years. God has blessed us with three great kids, Brian, Kelly and Blake. I have been actively involved in the Worship Ministry at First Federated most of the 25 years, specifically as a member of the choir, vocal ensembles, and men's quartet. I have also served as a Deacon and Elder and am currently Elder Chairman.

My main priorities as an Elder are to provide oversight for First Federated Church, to support the Senior Pastor and staff and to promote key initiatives that support evangelism, spiritual maturity, and church growth.



Sam Warren

I placed my faith in Jesus Christ as my Savior at the age of 8 years. From that time forward, I have grown in faith through the reading of the Word, through hearing good preaching, and years of involvement in Sunday School and other activities that encourage Christians to grow. Edith, our children, and I have attended FFC since 1987.

Many of you know that I have spent most of my working years as an educator. I have also used those skills at FFC. I currently serve as a substitute for adult ABF teachers when they need assistance as well as leading the Sunday evening study when needed. For a few years I taught the Galilean Class on a regular basis. I am currently serving my 3rd term on the FFC Elder Board.

I see FFC advancing—in the eyes of God—when each member has an increasingly intimate walk with the Lord. I believe the most important thing we can do to further that end is to encourage FFC members to spend time in God's Word every day. I believe the more we do to get our congregation reading the Word, praying, and worshiping, the more we will fulfill the plan God has for FFC. Ultimately, that is what we all want for FFC – to be all that God has for FFC to be!



Brian Balmer

I grew up as a PK (pastor's kid) and I was saved as a kindergartener in Opel Randolph's class at Westchester Evangelical Free Church in Des Moines. I later re-dedicated my life to Christ in high school at a camp retreat in Minnesota. Since that time I have tried (with God's help) to live my life as a follower of Christ. There have been many ups and downs but I have

found that God is always faithful and continues to bless even when I don't deserve His blessing.

My wife Vicki and I have 3 boys: Dylan (13), Cole (11) and Jesse (9). These boys keep us very busy and we have both served in many areas with the youth and our children. I am currently working with the 5th and 6th graders in Xtreme on Sunday as a small group leader. I also serve on Wednesdays with Howie in the Junior High program. In the past I have also helped out in the AWANA program.

I would like to see our Youth Ministry continue to grow and attract new kids. I know these kids are the future of our church and our country. I do not think there is any more important area for the church to focus our time, talent and treasures in than youth ministries.



Glen Biermann

I was raised in a church but never heard about how to have a personal relationship with my Lord and Savior. In college, God put me in the middle of a group of Christians, and I started attending FFC with them and going to their nightly prayer meetings. In September of 1988 I asked God to forgive me, to take over my life and to live in my heart forever. I went from

feeling worse than ever before, to a greater joy and peace than I ever thought possible as the Holy Spirit filled a hole in my heart.

Currently my wife Suzanne and I serve in the choir, Worship Ministry, and every Sunday in the infant nursery. In the past I have been in several musicals, run a camera and directed in the television ministry, and served in leadership in my ABF. I currently serve on the Deacon Board.

I believe that First Federated is a wonderful place that God placed in Des Moines for a special mission. We, as members and regular attenders, must work every day to show God's love and truth to this city and state, and it is up to each of us to witness to what He has done in each of our lives. I am committed to the leadership that is being shown in this body to reach this community for Him. Together with Christ, we can catch fire and grow.



Charles Boscaljon

I grew up in a Christian home, so going to church has always been a vital part of my life. When I was nine years old, a traveling evangelist came to my church. He presented the gospel in such a way that I realized that I was a sinner and needed to be saved, so that night I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior. I attended a Bible college where I met and married

my wife, Debbie and spent 10 years working for different Christian ministries before moving to Des Moines.

My family and I have been attending FFC for nine years and I been part of the media team directing the television program and working on various video projects and direct TV as needed. I have been a part of the FFC Celebration Choir, a leader of the Cornerstone ABF for the past five years and a Deacon for the past three.

I would like to see continued growth for our church as the Spirit continues to move among His people. I would like to see more of the congregation becoming involved in various ministries. My family has experienced some difficult times in the past and has needed the help of the church. I look forward to the opportunity to be in a position where I can help others who may be in similar circumstances.

Election of Church Officers

Sunday, February 22 | 9:00-10:45AM

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The Nomination Process

Board nominations are solicited from the congregation at large through the church newspaper and from the current Deacons and Elders through email correspondence. This initial list of nominees is reviewed by the leadership staff and Elder Board with the Elder Board making the final determination as to those to be called to consider nomination. This year 25 were asked to consider Deacon nomination and 15 for Elder. The individuals introduced in this insert are those who felt called to serve at this time and accepted nomination.

