

2024 Officer Bios



David Braun – Elder



Born Feb 18, 1960, in Elgin, Illinois. Youngest of three children. At this time, my father was attending Wheaton College. We moved often from Texas and Georgia where he finally got his EDd. From there we moved to Charleston in 1969 where my father began his teaching career at The Citadel. During these years I attended various private and public schools in the Charleston area. After high school I worked various jobs from

landscaping to construction type work. I attended Horry Georgetown Tech and Columbia Bible College. In 1988 I began work for CPW where I am still currently working as a water treatment operator. Through this I achieved my Class A Water Treatment Operator's license, Class B Physical Chemical Waste Water Operator. I've been married to Debra for 32 years and we have 3 children: Hannah, Franklin, and John Henry, one son-in-law Kyle, two daughters-in-law Katherine and Boonie, and three beautiful granddaughters, Alice, Glenna, and Adelline. Debra and I also have the sweetest dog named Scout.

I was brought up in a Christian home with Godly parents who loved me very much. My family was always very involved in the churches we attended and taught many Bible studies. This is where I first heard the gospel. It wasn't until age eighteen that God opened my eyes to the state of my sinful heart. I went to the only person that I knew could help me, my father. He carefully went through the gospel with me, and I gave my heart to Christ. Immediately my attitude and desires changed. I loved reading the Bible and sought to know God's will for my life. A few years later I met a beautiful girl who eventually became my wife. She shares a passion for sharing the gospel with others and has been a constant encouragement to me.

Although growth in my Christian life has seemed slow throughout the years sometimes not even moving at all, the last 7-8 years my faith has deepened. While memorizing Romans 8 I've seen more and more the

depth of my own sinfulness and the infinite depth of God's love for me. That if God is for us who can be against us, He who did not spare His own son but gave Him up for us all. That God foreknew me in love, declared me righteous because of Christ, and is working daily through my weaknesses and struggles to conform me more and more to the image of His son.

Ken Dorian - Deacon



In 1993 at 22 years old I got married. Marriage was great the first few years, then the marriage began to really struggle. My former wife & I were attending church less, praying less and I saw our lives drifting so far apart from Christ and each other. Sadly, we were unsuccessful in salvaging our marriage and it officially ended in early 1998. The way the divorce came about was devastating to me to say the least. Over the next few months, I felt abandoned and lost with no hope in sight. Nothing felt normal, I had no familiar routine any longer. It was during this time that I was reflecting on what had gone so horribly wrong in my life. I realized that I had been living my life apart from God's help. I was simply acting alone in my life over those past few years. I knew what I needed to do at that point. I humbly began praying to God and asking him for comfort and guidance. I must have prayed for most of that evening until late that night.

I have been married to Donna for 36 years. We have two grown children and two grandchildren. My son lives in Columbia, SC. My daughter and her family live in Summerville. I served in the U.S. Navy for 20 years. Since 2008 I have been a defense contractor.

I was raised Roman Catholic, attended 12 years of Catholic School and was an altar boy. I never read God's Word, got conflicting messages from family and school, and was confused about what to believe. At age 14 I asked my parents if I could stop going to Sunday Mass and they agreed.

At age 26, while out to sea, God drew me to Himself. He used stressful circumstances to humble me and four different Christian sailors to share the truth and live the truth with me. I got into a Pentecostal Bible Study on my ship and in 1992 ended up joining Bethel Temple Assembly of God, Hampton VA. I served as an Altar worker and was involved in small groups.

In 1995, while underway, reformed Baptist Navy brothers and the Holy Spirit convinced me of the doctrines of grace. My ship had a busy schedule at that time, so I waited to move to a reformed church until shore duty, in 1996. I joined Calvary Reformed Presbyterian Church (PCA), Hampton VA and stayed until we moved. I served there as an usher, a teacher (really referee) of 5- and 6-year-olds and was involved in small groups.

In June 2002 I got stationed here and we became part of Metro North. I have been involved in our small groups since 2002. I have taught children during worship on and off since I came to MNC and currently do so. I have served as a Deacon here for a total of 8 years and as an elder for 3 years. I have been taking a long sabbatical while my wife and I helped care for our granddaughter (my daughter and son-in-law work long hours). We still care for our granddaughter, but she is now 8. The Lord has truly blessed and used our church and I pray He will continue to do so.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13

Jim Walsh – Deacon



I was born April 23, 1971, in Idaho Falls, Idaho to Jim and Jo Ann Walsh. I have two sisters: an older sister, Jennifer, who is a retired teacher from Berkeley County Schools and a younger sister, Jessica, who teaches music in Duncan, SC. My father was a career Navy man, and my mother was a nurse. Growing up in a military family required that the family move around a good bit until my father retired here in South Carolina. I

graduated from Stratford High School and attended college at The Citadel, College of Charleston, and Trident Tech. In 2003 I earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Management of Human Resources from Southern Wesleyan University. I worked in the Aluminum Industry for 26 years. Then in 2017 I left that industry and joined the launch team for the Volvo manufacturing facility in Ridgeville. It was a joy to play a part in the building of this new facility and I now enjoy my role as part of the paint shop team.

In April of 1994, I married my high school sweetheart, Barbara. Barbara and I started dating in February of 1989 and married shortly after she graduated from The College of Charleston. We have been blessed with two sons. Matthew (25) graduated from Clemson University and works as a forester with Georgia Pacific. He and his wife, Kelsey, live southwest Georgia and are expecting their first child (our first grandchild). Nicholas is 21 and is in the electrician apprenticeship program at the South Carolina Port. Both boys attended preschool at Metro North and Barbara is currently the Director for Metro North School. Barbara, the boys, and I have been attending Metro North Church for 23 years and are happy to have found this place to help us in our spiritual growth. Barbara is involved in many church ministries, and I am a member of the Worship Team helping with the Audio/Visual; I have been blessed by being able to work with our fantastic youth group for the last 15 years and I have been a member of the church finance team for the last 13 years.

