

VESTRY BIOS 2025

Richard Baughman

I was raised on a small farm in Hollywood, SC, where I developed a strong foundation in faith and community. At age 12, I accepted Christ at Rantowles Baptist Church, where my family and I were active members. When I was a teenager, we moved to West Ashley where I attended St. Andrews High School. It was there that our family was led to St. Peter's Episcopal Church, which became Church of the Good Shepherd, where we were confirmed into the Episcopal faith. After graduating from Newberry College in 1981, I embarked on a fulfilling 34-year career in the manufacturing industry, culminating in my retirement from Bose Corporation, there in Columbia, SC, in 2015.

While living in Columbia, I met my wife, Angie. We married in May 2004. Together we have two children and four grandchildren. During our 20+ years in Columbia, St. David's Episcopal Church served as our church home. We were active on many church committees, as well as serving as Vestry members. In December of 2021, we moved back to Hollywood, to the same little farm noted above.

Today, we are blessed to call St. John's our church home. I am excited about the prospect of serving St. John's Parish Church as a Vestry member, and I am committed to leveraging my skills and experience to serve the Lord, Father Jeremy, the Vestry and the Parish as needed.

Ashley Grandin

I was born and raised in Hickory, NC and grew up as a member of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension. I graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1995 and moved to Charleston. My husband, Jon, and I have lived on Johns Island for 20 years now and have loved raising our two children, Max (19) and Anna (15), here. As a member of St. Johns Parish Church for the last 19 years, I have enjoyed being a member of various Bible studies, helping in various food ministries, serving as an usher and as a lay reader. I am hopeful for what the future holds for our church and would be honored to serve you on the Vestry.

Debbie Hawkins

I have been married for 39 years to Sheldon Hawkins, and we have 2 children, Brian 36, and Emma 27. We have lived on Wadmalaw Island for over 39 years. I have been a member of St. John's Parish Church since March 2012 when Father Greg guided me to accept Christ. Shortly after joining the church, I joined several Bible study groups and committees. I also serve on the Altar Guild as co-chair with Linda Hihn. I have been blessed in more ways than I can count from this Church and God. Several years ago, I was asked to prayerfully consider serving on the Vestry. I prayed and was nominated and accepted. It was a rough time with the Church finally closing all litigation with TEC. But God guided our Church to where we are today. If accepted to run this year, I look forward to serving the next three years during an exciting time of rebuilding and to see what God has in store for us.

Jeff Lamberson

I am Jeff Lamberson, husband to Nancy for 38 years. We have 3 sons, 3 daughters-in-law and 4 grandchildren. I am VP for Facilities and Engineering at The Citadel, with 37 years of Design and Construction experience, 20 years of which is in SC.

I attended Holy Cross Sullivans Island 1988-1992 with Rector John Burwell. Then we attended Church of The Apostles, Columbia, 2008-2019, with Rector Chip Edgar. I held positions of vestry and Junior Warden and helped design, fundraise, and build Church of the Apostles.

Nancy and I have attended St. John's Parish Church from 2019 to the present. I have served on vestry for three years, am the chairperson for the building committee, and a member of Louise and Walt Miller's Wednesday night bible study and fan club. I am also on the St. Alban's Board of Directors with Reverend Rob Sturdy.

From the first visit to St. John's Parish, Nancy and I felt at home. Our love for the SJP Church congregation has grown beyond anything we could have imagined, and I've learned that is exactly how GOD works. The family of St. John's Parish has given me an enormous gift of purpose in allowing me to help plan, design, and build the new St. John's Parish Church campus.

Debbie Reynolds

I am a native Charlestonian and a long-time resident of West of the Ashley. Educated in public schools, I attended a program in the College of Allied Health Sciences at MUSC prior to attending the College of Charleston. Although I was baptized in the Presbyterian church and was confirmed when I was twelve, my spiritual life was lacking. My family was dysfunctional, leading to confusion as to God's Presence in my life, taking me on a journey which ranged from Middle Eastern religion to involvement with a very strict following in the Seventh Day Adventist church. During this time, my father was diagnosed with advanced stomach cancer, which ended in 1983 when he passed. Needless to say, my spiritual life became null and void. I struggled for three years in "the mire and the pit" as Psalm 40 so beautifully speaks. As I look back on those difficult years, I know in my heart the Holy Spirit who rested upon me in my infant Baptism was still present. I was led by Him to begin attending the church in which I was confirmed. In February of 1988, I met Jesus during my Cursillo weekend. As an added blessing, I was introduced to my beloved Lindy. Following our marriage in 1989, I began attending St. John's Episcopal Church with him and was confirmed in 1990. My love for the Lord began to grow, leading both of us into the Prayer Ministry and drawing us into a long involvement with the Kairos Prison Ministry. Oh, how we were blessed! The Father also called me to become a part of the Daughters of the King prior to my commitment to The Daughters of the Holy Cross.

God knows my heart. I am blessed to be His child. My service for Him is according to His Will.