

2022 Nominating Committee



Larry Brown – Chair

Larry and his wife, Liz, love SBPC as it is a source of sustained spiritual growth in their relationship and family. He is grateful to be called to serve as the Chair of the Nominating Committee both last year and for 2022. Larry previously served on the Deacon Board as co-moderator for three years. He also became a Stephen Minister and served as Team Leader on the Ministry Team for eight years. He has been blessed to participate in Come Build Hope and Community Serve Day and served on the Adult Discipleship Committee, which led to insights on Christian discernment and personal spiritual growth. Larry's faith has deepened by membership in the church, two different small groups, and a triad men's group. God has pointed the way and put us on a wonderful path forward as we serve others, discern God's will, and grow closer in Christ.



Stan Poey – Vice-Chair

Stan was born in Indonesia and emigrated with his parents and siblings to the USA when he was 10. Indonesia is predominantly Muslim, but he grew up in a Christian home and was baptized, at age 13, at St. John's Lutheran Church in El Segundo, CA. After graduating from UCLA, Stan started his career in the biotech industry and met his wife, Donna, in the College/Career group at Glenkirk Presbyterian Church in Glendora, CA. They settled down in Carlsbad to raise their family, have been married for 32 years, and have two daughters, Lauren and Courtney. Stan was active in church life before SBPC serving as a Young Married Couples group leader, College/Career group leader, Trustee, and Elder. After becoming a member at SBPC in 2009, he has led two small groups and enjoys participating in the music ministry, playing woodwind instruments in the Worship Band and Christmas orchestra. Stan is excited to serve a second term on the Nominating Committee. It is a role that has enabled him to get to know more of the wonderful people at SBPC and to see how the Lord will use them to grow His kingdom.



Claudia Bell

Claudia lives in Encinitas and is recently retired (after 31 years working for the County of San Diego as a social worker) but she's still a social worker at heart. She loves hiking, reading, music, working out, the beach, traveling, hanging out with friends and laughing, and doing art with her sisters. Claudia is involved with the Foster Family Ministry at SBPC and loves the friendships that have developed and the community she has become involved with through that ministry. She is also a Bible study group leader and a small group leader. Claudia is grateful for the opportunities God has given her to serve in her life and is looking forward to this renewed opportunity with the Nominating Committee.



Jim Blackburn

Jim was born and raised in Pasadena as the middle of five children in a 3rd generation Californian family. He earned BA and MBA degrees before joining the family-owned and managed manufacturing business. In 1975, the business relocated to Oceanside and allowed him and Leslie to move to San Diego County. In 1981, they moved into Solana Beach with their three children who all graduated from Torrey Pines High. They currently reside in Leucadia and just celebrated their 47th anniversary. Their children and grandchildren are now spread from coast to coast. His outside interests include golf, surfing, skiing, and gardening. Jim has attended SBPC since 1985 and became an active member in 2002. He is trained as a Stephen Minister and small group leader, has participated in Come Build Hope, KidsGames, the Campus Building Committee, and served as a Deacon. He looks forward to the continued growth, activities and relationships offered by SBPC.



Kellie Church

Kellie and her husband, Jeremy, met in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and have been blessed to be part of SBPC since they moved to California in 2007. They have two daughters, Fiona (16) and Hailey (13), and as a family enjoy outdoor activities, eating vegan grub and listening to music. During the week, Kellie leads an academic research group at UC San Diego investigating neural circuits involved in hormone secretion. Kellie has grown in her faith through many SBPC ministries, including: small groups, Come Build Hope, Community Serve Day, Children's Ministries, and KidsGames. Looking back over her childhood and young adult years, prior to committing her life to Christ, she can clearly see the Lord's faithful and protective hand seeking to grab hold of her heart. Through her study of Matthew and Mark, Kellie has felt the challenge to grow deeper into our calling to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. She is grateful to the SBPC community for the opportunity to serve them and grow deeper spiritually.

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Jonathan Harrill

Jonathan grew up in North Carolina with an active church family. It was not until after college he came to truly understand the power of God's love and asked Jesus to be his savior and Lord. He has been a Solana Beach resident and attending SBPC for nearly 17 years. He has two amazing boys, Chase (12) and Blake (7), who have grown up in the SBPC church family. Jonathan has enjoyed serving the church as a men's small group leader, Community Serve Day leader, Elder, and through building homes in Baja California. He is excited to serve a second term with the wonderful members of the Nominating Committee.



Doreen Hutton

Doreen and her husband, Drew, have been members of SBPC for over 20 years and reside in Carmel Valley. Doreen and Drew taught Sunday school here when their four sons were young. Doreen has cohosted a weekly Women's Bible study in her home for 18 years and was in CBS before that. She participates in MOPS as a mentor mom and enjoys the fellowship and spiritual growth she experiences in her Small Group. Over the years she has been active in FUEL and One Youth on Wednesday nights (she was leader of the Carmel Valley carpool reaching unchurched kids) and many summers in KidsGames. Doreen's faith in Christ is a cornerstone of her family life. She is honored to be prayerfully serving on the Nominating Committee this year.



Marguerite Walker

Born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, Marguerite was baptized in the Presbyterian Church but actually grew up and was confirmed in the Lutheran Church. It was there, as a teenager, that she committed her life to Christ. She and her husband, Keith, married after college and have two married sons and three grandchildren. While at Carmichael Presbyterian in northern California, Marguerite was ordained as an Elder. After moving to San Diego in 1993, the family joined SBPC. She just completed a three-year term as Moderator for the Board of Deacons, is a long-time Chancel Choir member, member of a Small Group, Community Serve Day site leader, and CBS core leader. Marguerite considers it a privilege to serve on the Nominating Committee and hopes to help discern God's will in calling new leadership for SBPC.