



SOUTH CLT PRES CHURCH

Officer Candidate Profiles

Please pray for and about each of these officer candidates for the next month. Read [1 Timothy 3](#) and [Titus 1](#) as your guide on officer qualifications in this season of discernment and affirmation of the call. Let [Dean](#) or [Josh](#) know of your thoughts. On May 2, you will finalize their call through the election at the congregational meeting.

Nate Groelsema | Elder Candidate

George Kurz | Elder Candidate

Kyle Musgrove | Elder Candidate

Joe Spencer | Elder Candidate

Ben Nowak | Deacon Candidate

Nate Groelsema | Elder



In God's kindness, I grew up in a Christian home with parents who taught me about God, instructed me in the Scriptures, and modeled how to love the church and her members. From an early age I recognized that I was a sinner in need of a Savior. There is not a day in my life that I can remember when I did not trust in Christ by faith. God has pursued me in his grace and love throughout my life, enabling me to live a life of faith and repentance. I seek to love and follow Christ with my heart, soul, strength, and mind, and to do so publicly so that others may see and praise our Father in heaven.

I am married to Sarah and we have two young children, Emmalyn and Isaiah. Sarah has a similar testimony to my own as she has been trusting in Jesus from a young age. Together we desire to love and serve the Lord, and to raise our children to know God, to know his Word, and to be part of his church. I currently serve as the Director of Admissions and Recruitment at the Charlotte campus of Reformed Theological Seminary.

I grew up in the church as a PK (Pastor's Kid). I am indebted to the church for the way she has loved my family and for how instrumental the members of the church have been in my Christian development and in helping me discern my call to ministry. I have been weighing God's call to pastoral ministry since high school which eventually led me to study at RTS and prepare for that calling. We have been at South Charlotte Pres since the first gatherings at Uptown Church, and I have been a pastoral intern with the church for several years. I am eager to serve God's people with my gifts (and weaknesses) so that the body of Christ may be nourished and built up.

George Kurz | Elder



I was raised in a Christian home. I became a communicant member of a PC-USA church at age 12. My understanding of the Lord into my adulthood was falsely centered in "works". While I was very active in the church as an adult, I continued to be works centered and did not have a personal relationship with Christ. I was blessed to have a faithfully patient spouse who prayed for me to be filled with the Holy Spirit. My full walk with the Lord occurred in my 40's when a PCA pastor encouraged and disciplined me in the Lord. I became a PCA Elder and have been thankful for the Lord's Spirit in my life.

I was blessed with a solid Christian wife (Francie) with over 50 years of marriage. She is my best friend and mother of our 3 children - Stephanie (Pastor Josh's wife), Amanda, and Andrew. Our children are all married and have provided us with a total of 10 grandchildren- a great blessing. My undergraduate degree is a BSBA in Accounting from Ohio State University. I got my CPA in NY state after working in corporate auditing, and used my CPA in industry- 42 years with the Eastman Kodak Company with a wide variety of finance roles in Rochester NY, Jakarta Indonesia, San Diego CA, Caracas Venezuela, Miami FL, and Hollywood CA. My last employer was with Prime Education, a British Company. I served as their US subsidiary Finance Director for about 6 years in Los Angeles. We moved to Charlotte about 2 years ago to be near family on the East Coast and begin the retirement phase of life.

Since becoming a PCA Elder in the 1990's, I have been a member of 3 PCA churches in Florida and California in addition to SCPC. For 2 of those churches, I served as a Ruling Elder for a total of about 15 years. Other activities in church included a role as a choir member and shepherd group/community group/life group leader. Since coming to SCPC in May, 2019 I have served as the Finance Team leader and a Life Group Co-Leader.

Kyle Musgrove | Elder



My walk with Christ began in my childhood home. My mom and dad, Robbie and Grady Musgrove, were both Christians, and they raised me and my older sister, Casondra, in the faith. We also lived next door to my paternal grandmother, Elvena Musgrove, who was a prayer warrior and had deep faith in the simplicity of the gospel. I was raised at a local Southern Baptist Church in the Pensacola, Florida area. That also was where I accepted Jesus as my savior and was baptized at 8 years old. It took years, however, before I really acquiesced to Jesus being Lord of my life.

By the time I went to college at Tulane University, I had not wandered from my faith in Christ, but I had wandered relatively far from having much use for organized religion. I wasn't drawn back to the church until Tammy and I met at Chapel Hill during law school. God used her to gradually draw me back to the church, although it took several years into our marriage before I was really committed. At that time, we continued to be members of the Southern Baptist denomination. Over time God used me in various ways in the two churches we predominantly attended while we lived in the Washington, D.C. area. Mostly, my involvement in our church involved things like choir and involvement with our kids, Patrick and Rebecca, through teaching their Sunday School at various points and leading some portions of Awanas.

After 20 years in the DC area, we moved here to Charlotte, Tammy's hometown. We put our kids in Covenant Day School, wanting overlap between school and church. Ultimately, that led us to Uptown Church and then to South CLT Pres as one of the initial families in the plant. Beginning with our time at Uptown, I began to really grow in my faith. That growth started predominantly in life group where I was encouraged to think through my faith in a deeper way. I feel that our time as members of South CLT Pres has grown my reliance on and faith in God by leaps and bounds. My relationship with him and interest in his Word also deepened.

I've had the pleasure of hosting and leading a number of you in life group. I've also served in areas like setup team and ushering/counting, and I have had the pleasure of participating in a prayer triad. And gratuitous aside, if you don't already participate in a life group, we'd love to have you as part of ours!

I am married to Tammy Musgrove, and we have two kids, Patrick and Rebecca. Most, if not all of you, know Tammy, and you also know how blessed I am to have her as my wife and partner. Many of you will know or have seen our daughter Rebecca who is a junior at Covenant Day. Some of you will also know our son Patrick from earlier times at Uptown or a few times around church. As far as my employment, I am a patent attorney practicing pharmaceutical patent litigation out of Parker Poe's Charlotte office.

Many of you also know that some aspects of our family life have been extremely rocky over the last several years. If you want to know anything about that, I'm happy to talk with you. God wastes nothing. Through these years, God has used our situation greatly to draw me closer to him, to his church, to my wife and children, and has given me a particular burden for the lost and for fellow believers who are hurting.

Joe Spencer | Elder



Joe was born and raised in Lynchburg Va, the youngest of two, with an older sister, Jane.

Joe grew up in a strong Christian family and in a strong, biblical Presbyterian church. He doesn't really remember a time when he wasn't a Christian. He was involved in YoungLife in high school and had good friends in his church. After high school, he attended Virginia Tech, studied Mechanical Engineering, and was involved in InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. He met his wife, Barb, at VA Tech and they were married shortly after she graduated. Joe started a job in Oak Ridge, TN, they lived in West Knoxville and attended a PCA church, Cedar Springs, and were members of the "Young Marrieds" Sunday school class. They eventually ended up in Charlotte, where Joe took a Duke Power job, and they joined a new, small PCA church (200 members), Christ Covenant. Ultimately Joe became an elder there and served many years in that role. Recently they transitioned from Christ Covenant to SCPC.

Joe and Barb were married in 1979 and Joe started an engineering job in Oak Ridge, TN. Barb, with a degree in Food Service and Lodging Management, got a job with the state of TN as a restaurant inspector. They ultimately ended up in Charlotte where they raised their family. They have two grown children, Robbie (37) lives in Charlotte and works as an

engineer and their daughter Katie (35) is married to Perry Wright and they have a super-cute two year old, Walden (Wally). Barb is an Executive Director at Proverbs 31 ministries where she has worked for several years. While still doing some contract utility work, Joe hung up his engineer's cap in 2018.

Joe became an elder at Christ Covenant in the late 80's. His primary areas of service involved Campus Outreach (a college ministry), a Mecklenburg Co. jail ministry, and teaching Middle and High School youth. He and Barb were members of a small group for many years at Christ Covenant. Barb also has led a women's bible study for several years.

Since joining South CLT Pres, Joe and Barb are involved in a Life Group, and Joe is enjoying working with the youth program.

Ben Nowak | Deacon



Though baptized in the Episcopal Church as an infant, Ben did not grow up in a home that meaningfully proclaimed Christ. As a latch-key kid to a single mother, in Miami, Florida, Ben had a nominal understanding of the Christian faith. His early years left him thoroughly agnostic and focused on seeking his own comfort and happiness. In 2010, a change began in Ben. A galvanizing moment in Ben's life was when he remembered himself as a young child being thoroughly gripped by awe at learning the greek word, "agape." Ben believes he was convicted and began to be drawn into Christ then and there. Seeking out a pastor to engage in some counseling over years of anger at his father for abandonment and abuse, Ben began to dialogue with Christians and read the Bible. In 2010, Ben acknowledged the call of Christ and gave his life over to the Lord. The journey of faith eventually led him to the PCA in 2013. Ben sincerely loves the Lord, not just for the miraculous work wrought in his own life, but for the work God continues to do daily. In his current season of life, Ben is learning to trust more fully the promises of God and to find rest and contentment in the daily provision of grace and abundance that Christ continuously applies to his life.

Ben met his wife, Lauren, in Asheville, NC, while studying Computer Science at UNC Asheville in 2014. They have two children, Lincoln and Marley; Ben's mother lives in Hendersonville, NC. Shortly after leaving high school, Ben pursued a career for eight years as a professional musician in Atlanta, Georgia. Pausing his musical career to help his mom with her business, Ben spent the next 5 years working in a managerial role for a high-volume pawn store in Miami, FL. In 2009, Ben moved to Hendersonville, NC to pursue a college degree. In 2016, Ben and Lauren moved to Lake Lure, where Lauren worked for Camp Lurecrest. In 2018, Lauren was offered the role of Director of Administration at their main office in Charlotte. Seeing Charlotte as a better opportunity to land a job in software engineering, Ben and Lauren moved in late 2018. Eventually, Ben took a position with Red

Ventures as an Associate Software Engineer, where he has enjoyed working for the past two years.

Ben has been heavily involved in the worship ministry of the church. After becoming a Christian, Ben played bass guitar on the worship team. While attending UNCA, Ben was regularly involved in campus ministries. One of his most cherished experiences in campus ministry was the time he spent engaging in apologetics and evangelism with a group on campus called Ratio Christi. At his previous home church, Grace Blue Ridge in Hendersonville, Ben served on the tech team and participated in leading a handful of classes examining some of the more egregious heresies of the postmodern church movement. Currently, Ben serves as the lay tech team leader and IT specialist at South CLT Pres.
