

**WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PASTOR SEARCH TEAM UPDATE
DECEMBER 27, 2023**

Congratulations! Woodland Church has elected an excellent **Pastor Search Team**. Each of the 5 profiled below are Godly leaders who are committed to Woodland Church and its future. However, YOU also have a job: you are a member of the **Pastor Search Prayer Team**.

Here's how to pray:

1. Pray for the pastor and family that the Lord has already chosen for Woodland.
2. Pray that the Search Team will grow deeper and stronger in their relationship with the Lord and each other.
3. Pray that the Search Team hears the Lord clearly, and in all they do rely on His wisdom.

Rev. Mike Gatliff
Woodland Presbyterian Church
Transitional Pastor

Gwen Basinger has been a member of Woodland for 22 years. She has served on session and has loved serving in children's ministry throughout the years as a Sunday school, VBS, ACTION program & Children's Church teacher. She was just elected to serve as a Deacon. Gwen is a nurse practitioner and has helped organize and plan the Honduras Medical Mission team since 2017. Gwen married Bill Basinger last year and between the two of them, have 10 children (8 girls), 7 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter. Gwen loves to decorate, play tennis & head to the beach with Bill often.

Wendy Dabbous has been an active member of Woodland Presbyterian Church since 2003. During that time, she has served as a Ruling Elder under three pastors, including as Clerk of Session. Wendy is a member of the Chancel Choir and has been active in women's ministries and Christian education in a variety of leadership and teaching roles throughout the years. She is the proud mom of two adult sons (Zach and Josh) and grandmother to Charlie (8) and Elijah (due in April). Wendy is the Vice President and General Counsel for Blake Solutions, Inc.

Robert Followell and his wife, Cheryl, have been Woodland members and elders for fifteen years. They have sponsored a Monday Night Men's Group for twelve years. Robert is on the board of Salt and Light, a medical clinic we support in Honduras. Woodland also assists in supporting several water purification systems there through Living Waters for the World.

Allen Mitchell and his wife Janet are lifelong Shelby County residents and live in Cordova. Their son, Mark, daughter-in-law, Elizabeth, and granddaughter, Grace, live in Franklin, Tennessee. Allen attended Woodland in his younger days with his parents when the services were held in the Fellowship Hall. He retired from an automobile leasing company as Business Manager. Over the years, he has been involved in many Sunday School classes, volunteered in working with youth groups, served on various committees, and was recently elected to serve again as a Deacon.

Craig Patterson and his wife Julie have been members of Woodland since 2001. They have two adult children, Erica and Drew, who spent many years at WPC along with three grandkids. Currently he is on Session working with the Congregational Life committee. Outside of Woodland, Craig is the Communications Director at Germantown Presbyterian Church.