# **Grace Candidates for Officer (Spring 2022)**

These men were sufficiently nominated, trained, and examined. To be elected, according to the rules of our PCA *Book of Church Order*, a candidate must receive a majority of the congregational vote. Feel free to reach out to them personally if you have additional questions.



## **Elder Candidates:**

#### 1. Ben Johnson

Ben is married to Megan. A few months after getting married they began attending in December of 2012 and became members the following year. They live in Carver along with their four children: Graham (8), Margaret (5), Caroline (3), and Amelia (5months). Ben currently serves as a Community Group leader and in the teaching rotation for children's ministry.

In response to the question – When did you come to faith in Christ? "I had the privilege of growing up in a Christian home and in churches that made the gospel central. In my teen years God used the biblical teachings I had received to soften my heart and help me feel a conviction of sin and go to Christ pleading for his mercy. It was then that I was baptized and joined my local church at age 16."



In response to the question – Which duties of an Elder do you feel best gifted by the Lord to fulfill? "I feel a call to the spiritual education of the children here at Grace. It has been a joy teaching and discipling the children of Grace through teaching Sunday school/communicant training and informal conversations."

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### 2. Jack Notarangelo

Jack is married to Kim and they live in Hanover. They have two grown sons (Derek & Wesley). Jack currently serves as a Community Group leader and in the teaching rotation for children's ministry.

In response to the question – When did you come to faith in Christ? "I surrendered my life to Christ as an adult in January 2012. Later that Spring God lead us, as new followers of Christ, to this gratefully become part of this church."



In response to the question – Which duties of an Elder do you feel best gifted by the Lord to fulfill? "I feel that I am called to be on the frontlines of God's work in His Kingdom for building up His people and protecting the purity if His church. Since answering Christ's call I have been passionate about building up my brothers and sisters in Christ through encouragement, prayer and gathering together around God's word. I enjoy being an instrument of God's work in the lives of the youngest among us by teaching them about who God is and why He deserves our worship. I would like to nurture and care for God's people corporately through Grace's elders/deacons and the local PCA Presbytery."

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#### 3. Chad Powell

Chad is married to Erica and they in Middleboro along with their nine children: Luke (17), Sam (15), Isaiah (13), Ruth (12), Lois (10), Anna (8), Becky (6), Esther (4), and Vivian (1). They became members of our church in 2018. Chad has served in children's ministry along with leading/hosting Community Groups.

In response to the question – When did you come to faith in Christ?

"I grew up in a Christian home where my parents raised me to know & love



Christ to the best of their abilities. I accepted Christ as my Savior at a VBS at a young age. During my teen/college years, I followed my rebellious heart, ignoring warnings from the Holy Spirit & family. After a few years of serving myself, I took a 3 week hike on the Long Trail in Vermont. It was there, in the midst of God's beautiful creation, that He convicted me and revealed to me in a special way the error of my ways and how He was lovingly waiting for me to return to Him. Shortly thereafter, I recommitted to following Christ, met Erica, and joined a local church."

In response to the question – Which duties of an Elder do you feel best gifted by the Lord to fulfill? "I believe our Lord has gifted me in helping individuals & families find peace through the authentic application of the Gospel of Christ to the adventure of life."

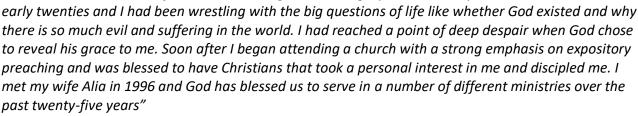
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#### 4. Mark Rivers

Mark is married to Alia and they live in Middleboro. They have four children: Micaiah (21), Harmony (19), Malachi (16), and Cadence (7). They began attending Grace in 2018. Mark serves in the teaching rotation with Children's Ministry.

In response to the question – When did you come to faith in Christ?

"I came to Christ in 1995 after a truck driver gave me the gospel. I was in my



In response to the question – Which duties of an Elder do you feel best gifted by the Lord to fulfill? "I believe I am gifted at teaching and apply God's Word. I've had the opportunity to do this over the years in different churches and settings. Most recently I have taught children's church for a few years here at Grace. I also love to pray with members of our church during the Thursday prayer meeting and working with and encouraging people that are battling with anxiety and depression."

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## **Deacon Candidate:**

## 1. Jason Webster

Jason is married to Lora and they live in Hanover. They have four children: Graydon (18), Abigail (16), Mia (13), and Nathan (7). Their family has been active in our church since we began worship over 11 years ago. Jason has served in various areas including music team, children's ministry, and leading/hosting Community Groups.

In response to the question – When did you come to faith in Christ?

"I came to faith when I was 14, on a church youth group trip. God chose to answer a simple prayer in a truly impactful way. I opened my eyes after a group prayer, embarrassed to have been brought to tears, only to see several of my peers had also experienced something truly amazing"

In response to the question – Which duties of a Deacon do you feel best gifted by the Lord to fulfill? "Acts chapter six marks the moment in which the early church recognized that some of the leaders needed to dedicate themselves to care of the congregation – the first Deacons. I am a problem solver at heart, and truly enjoy making myself available to others. I look forward to receiving an inconvenient call to jump in and help solve a simple or complicated problem. I look forward to serving wherever I can."

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