



CALVARY CHURCH

2018 Board Nominees

Gwen Thomas



After years of working as a police officer, investigator, housing manager (great careers), being a mother of two sons and one daughter and grandmother of five wonderful grandchildren; graduate of three Bible Schools, receiving a master's degree in Human Services from Lincoln University,

president of the Board of a University Day Care Center, and serving on many ministries throughout the years, Gwen finally found her niche when joining Calvary Church.

At Calvary she has been able to combine her leadership and Biblical training with her passion for serving Christ and helping others. She currently serves on the Women's Ministry Leadership Team, as a leader in the Chosen 300 Ministry, as a teacher for the Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study, as part of the Greeter Ministry, Food Pantry Ministry, and also serves as Calvary's Funeral Coordinator.

It is indeed an honor to have been asked to serve on the Calvary Board. Calvary has become an important part of my life and with God's guidance, I hope to fulfill Calvary's Mission.

Wendell Scanterbury



Wendell Scanterbury, together with his wife, Antonia, and their son, Kayin, have been members of Calvary since 2013. Wendell, an ordained minister, is the Director of Pastoral Care at the Cancer Treatment Centers of America in Philadelphia, a Marriage and Family Therapist, Researcher, certified Pre-

pare/Enrich Facilitator, and presenter.

Wendell's ministry involvement at Calvary includes the Easter Egg Hunt, Life Groups, Chosen 300, Prayer ministry, Hope for Philly, and counseling services.

Wendell's conviction is that sharing in Christ's Spirit is inseparable from serving His body; and that the essence of following Christ is serving, rather than being served. He hopes that his appreciation of family and congregational dynamics, his experiences of organizational and church leadership; and his extensive exposure to existential suffering in the context of health and human services will be an asset to Calvary as we serve each other and the wider community.

Kermit Green



Kermit L. Green and his wife, Nina, have been married for 18 years. They have four wonderful children – Ceraiah (16), Jeremiah (13), Micaiah (10) and Jahziah (7). Kermit and his family began attending Calvary in 2012 and have been members since 2013.

Kermit has been serving in Clay Kids Ministry – both during Sunday morning service and Wednesday evening meetings – for the past 5 years. Currently, he also serves as part of the audio-video team ministry. Kermit is also a professional Middle School science teacher in the Allentown School District, where he has been teaching for the last ten years. I would be honored to bring to Calvary Church my years of experience gathering resources and information, bridging cultural differences, and collaborating with others to achieve the goals and fulfill the mission of Calvary Church.



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Donte DeBrow



Donte DeBrow is a loving husband of seven years to Ebony DeBrow. They have two children. Donte has been in the profession of Fleet Servicemen for four years. He also serves our country as a member of the United States Army. When he

isn't negotiating business contracts keeping the country safe he spends his time in the church serving in the youth ministry as a youth leader, involved in the Saturday morning men's group, or at Calvary's front door as a greeter.

Donte has been going to Calvary Church since 2016 and became a member a year later. Donte would consider it an honor and a privilege to serve on the Calvary Church Board. He brings with him sixteen years of leadership experience, as well as quick and deliberate decision making. He is dedicated and motivated to be involved in doing God's work in his community.

Wilson Njiru



Wilson was born in Kenya, East Africa, and was born again while in high school (grade 9). He has a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Temple University and is pursuing a Master's Degree in Special Education at Arcadia University. He works

as an Administrator/Manager at Special People in North East Philadelphia (SPIN). He has been married to Mary Mumbi N-Njiru for 17 years has 3 wonderful children: Stephen Njiru (16); Samuel Njogu-Njiru (13) and Faith Njiru (10).

He serves on the local board of the Kenya Christian Fellowship in America and as their National Treasurer. Wilson and his family have attended Calvary Church and served as a leader in our boys' club on Wednesday nights for several years. Last year Wilson and his wife became committed members of Calvary Church.

Wilson considers it as a great honor to be nominated to serve on the board of Calvary Church. He is deeply humbled and is trusting in the Lord's leadership and believes there is nothing as wonderful as leaving ourselves as vessels to the Master's use.

David Biddle



Dave Biddle and his wife, Sidney, have been married for 36 years and have three children. He has been a member of Calvary Church for about 25 years.

He has participated in many church mission trips and has enjoyed and grown with each one.

Dave currently serves as the primary large group teacher (K-5th grade) and is also a small group leader (K- 2nd grade) during the first service—so if he looks tired during the second service it is understandable. He has been involved with Men's Ministry and has served on the Calvary Church board for many years. Dave also hosts and leads a Life Group at his house on Friday nights where the group shares God's word along with delectable delights (provided by the local supermarket in unopened plastic containers).

Dave desires to be back on the board again because, in his words, "It is easier to get involved in church activities and church giving when you know first hand what issues the church needs assistance in".