



Governing Board, Deacon Team, & Move the World Team Candidates

Members (16 years of age and older) will vote on these candidates at the 2023 Annual Meeting

Deacon Team Candidate

PERRY VALENTINE



Perry joined Bear Valley in 2001 after marrying into the BVC family through Heidi Valentine, whose parents served on staff for many years at Bear Valley. As the daughter and son-in-law of then Children's Pastor Sylvia Copps, they began serving in the Kids' Ministry, and Perry served as a leader in Sunday school, AWANA, and Student Ministry for many years. Perry has a passion for

serving the young and the old. His facilities experience began in 2000 as an apartment maintenance technician, and he has continued in this field for 20 years, including 7 years in an assisted living and memory care facility. In 2021, he moved into a Facility Coordinator position, managing general contractors for a 1,500-unit senior living campus. You can find Perry running a camera on Sunday mornings, and he looks forward to continuing to serve BVC as a Deacon!

Move the World Team Candidate

SISSI ASHFORD



Sissi was raised in a Christian home and was baptized in the 9th grade. Bear Valley has been her home since 1991, and she married her husband, Ken "Maddog" Lathrop, in 1999. She has served in various areas of the church, including preschool and elementary, student ministries, Senior Lunch, choir and worship team, parking lot, and the kids' choir. She currently serves on the Tech

Team, the Deacon Team, and in the Gathering Place. Bear Valley missions have a special place in her heart, and she has traveled to Ukraine, Russia, Puerto Rico, Kenya, Nepal, and Thailand.

Returning Governing Board Candidates

MAX BRYANT



Max and his wife Teresa have been married for 40 years and have 2 children, and 3 grandsons. After college Max spent eight years in the Army where he was a platoon leader and a Company Commander. He left the military, moved to Denver, and found employment with a Colorado bank, a career he retired from after 26 years. Max has a long history of ministry having attended Open Door Fellowship Church for 19 years. He has served on several non-profit boards including the West Chamber of Commerce, the Jeffco

Schools Foundation, and the Denver Street School. Max began attending BVC 12 years ago and immediately became involved by co-leading the iMarriage class for young marrieds. Max is the BVC liaison for Inspiration Center in Nairobi and leads mission teams to Kenya. He has also been on mission trips to Guatemala and Vieques. Max served as an usher and currently volunteers on the tech team.

AMY OTTESON



Amy lives in Golden, CO with her husband, Dave, and their three children - Ryan (19), Kirk (18), and Gore (15). She grew up in Enid, Oklahoma in a Christian home and came to know and accept the Lord as her Savior at a young age. Amy attended college at Baylor University and moved to Denver in 2000, where she met and married Dave. They have been members of BVC since 2005. Over the years, Amy has been a part of different Sunday school classes and small groups.

She currently serves at Connection Point and on the Governing Board. Dave and Amy are the authors of *Giving Up Gore*, a memoir of their son's near-death drowning and miraculous healing. In her spare time, she enjoys time with her family in the mountains, running, skiing, and serving as a leader with Bible Study Fellowship. Amy is excited by all that God is doing at BVC and looks forward to continuing to serve as He deems appropriate.