



MEET OUR ELDERS ELECT



Chris Beam, a Charlotte area native, grew up in nearby Gastonia. He attended the University of North Carolina and returned to Charlotte for a career in Finance. An Alumni of Wells Fargo, where he worked for 16 years, he is currently the Assistant Treasurer for TIAA/Nuveen. He and wife Kate have two children – Stella (7) and Charlie (5). Their first connection with Selwyn was in 2019 when Stella enrolled in the CDC. She now attends Dilworth Elementary. Charlie is currently in TK at the CDC. The warmth and fellowship they felt from the Selwyn community in their time at the CDC led them to join the church in 2024. He looks forward to the opportunity to serve as an Elder.



Hannah Finn is a lifelong member of Selwyn, proudly representing her family's third generation in the church. She is passionate about community building and creating meaningful connections. At Truist, Hannah works in Strategic Execution and leads both the Generations Business Resource Group, and a new mothers' group that supports working parents. She is married to her husband, Kyle, and they have a son, Jamie, who is enrolled in the Selwyn Child Development Center. They also share their home with two very loved dogs, Alaska and Freckles.



Gale Bonnell, and husband Rich, have been faithful members on the Quail Campus for 37 years. Blessed with two daughters, Julia Hice and Rachel Bonnell, and son-in-law Carter Hice, they are the proud grandparents to Noah, Banks, and Teddy Hice. Gale has served in many roles, including leading the Adult Parlor Sunday School class for 25 years, serving as Sunday School Superintendent, singing in the choir, and participating in Room in the Inn. Professionally, she has built her career at Adams Outdoor Advertising, currently serving as Vice President of Business Development. Gale is passionate about fitness, enjoys hiking and biking, and competes as a Hyrox athlete.



Jim Hudson, and wife Marybet, have been members on the Quail Campus for over 15 years. Jim previously served as an Elder, Class of 2019, as well as on committees—Vision, Transition, Pastoral Search, and Merger. He leads the Quail Worship Committee, sings with the choir, is on the Coordinating Team, and serves on Finance. Originally from the Midwest, he graduated from Washington & Lee. Jim and Marybet married in 1987. After moving to Charlotte, and four kids later, they found Quail Hollow and loved the family feel of a smaller congregation. Jim works in information security. He enjoys home projects, remodeling, exploring bookstores, and watching their grandkids.



Rebekah Correll has attended Selwyn since 2023 when she and her husband, Curtis, moved back to Charlotte. Originally from Memphis, and an alum of Samford University, she is the mother of Vivian, born in May 2025 and baptized a few months later. Rebekah has a passion for hospitality and service, which she lives out through her interior design business, Transparent Interiors, and her work on the Congregational Life committee. An avid cook and baker she believes the best way to build community is around a dinner table. Rebekah shares, "The members and pastors of Selwyn have cared so deeply for our family. I look forward to giving back to this community as an Elder."



Katie Koppelman has been a member of Selwyn since 2021. She is the proud mother of Casey (10), Caroline (8), and Carter (5). After graduating from Appalachian State University in 2005, she taught elementary school for several years before moving into real estate in 2014. SAPC and the connections she has made within the church community have been a strong source of encouragement and support. Katie is excited and honored to serve as an Elder.



Ashley Ellis has been a member of Selwyn since 2009. She and her husband Ben are the proud parents of Brady (16) and Avery (13) who both were baptized at SAPC and "graduated" from the Selwyn Child Development Center. Ashley previously served on the Session while also serving as chairman of the CDC board. Ashley worked as an attorney for 15+ years, but most recently spends her time playing tennis, mahjong, and volunteering. She is looking forward to giving back to a church that has given her family so much.



Liza Macholz has been part of the Selwyn Avenue Church family since she was baptized as a baby in 2009 and confirmed in 2023. She attends Charlotte Christian School, where she is actively involved in both academics and extracurricular activities. At Selwyn, Liza loves serving with the younger children in Sunday School and Children's Chapel, where her joyful spirit and caring heart shine. Outside of church and school, Liza enjoys spending winters on the ski mountain, where she works as a ski instructor teaching children how to ski. Whether she's helping in church or on the slopes, Liza brings enthusiasm, patience, and a welcoming spirit to everything she does.



Mike Ferguson, a lifelong Presbyterian and resident of Charlotte, recently retired from the utility and trucking industries. Mike graduated from University of North Carolina at Charlotte where he met his wife Lorraine Camp, also a Charlotte native. They joined the Selwyn choir in 2022 and became members in January 2024. Issues benefitting the local community are especially important to Mike's family, especially those which address food, housing and educational deficiencies. Current projects include choir, the Selwyn Soup Group, and documentation of the music library. Mike is most proud of their niece Stephanie and goddaughter Erika, and will happily share stories about both.



Ted Northrup is a Valparaiso University alum. There he had the good fortune of meeting his wife of 53 years, Patrice. His company moved him to Charlotte in 1988 as IT manager. He and Patrice raised their two children in Charlotte, both of whom attended Myers Park High School. In 1995, after finishing his MBA at UNCC, he and Patrice bought The Map Shop. They sold the business in 2016 and "retired." Since then Ted has had a variety of stints at The Relatives and Roof Above fighting homelessness. He has been an active member of Selwyn for about three years and is looking forward to paying back the many blessings received here.