

The DEACON BODY of
Central Baptist Church
recommends:

That the ordination of Lawrence Brown
be recognized and that he be added
to the active deacon roll.

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That Jerry Rye, David Greenway,
Jon Priest, Billy Thomas, and
Lance Wright be ordained to the
office of deacon.

The church will vote on
these recommendations
on Wednesday, July 8, at
the conclusion of worship.
If approved, the ordination
service will be held on
August 23.

**“As each has received a gift,
use it to serve one another, as
good stewards of God’s varied
grace.”**

- 1 Peter 4:10

**“For even the Son of Man
came not to be served but to
serve, and to give his life as a
ransom for many.”**

- Mark 10:45

**“For those who serve well as
deacons gain a good standing
for themselves and also great
confidence in the faith that is
in Christ Jesus.”**

- 1 Timothy 3:13



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Deacon Nominations

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**“Have I not commanded you?
Be strong and courageous.
Do not be frightened, and
do not be dismayed,
for the Lord your God is with
you wherever you go.”**

- Joshua 1:9

Lawrence Brown

Lawrence Brown is married to Linda Fuller-Brown. He accepted Jesus as his Savior August 1957 at Union Church in Haynes, AR. Served in the US Army from 1964-1967 - Korea & Vietnam.



Ordained as deacon on April 1984 at Pilgrim Rest, in Minneapolis, MN. Served as deacon and was Chairman of the Finance Committee at New Creation Outreach Ministries in NV. Treasurer of the Minnesota State Baptist Convention for three years and treasurer of Pillar Federal Credit Union in MN. Bachelor of Science in BA from University of Minnesota. Certificate from Michigan State University for Federal & State Income Taxes. Manager of State & Local Taxes for The Pillsbury Company for 33 years. US Department of Treasury (IRS) Customer Account Representative for 5 years.

Lance Wright

Lance Wright and his wife, Monica, have been members at Central since 2014. They have been married 21 years and are blessed with a son, Landon (14), who was baptized at Central in 2021. Lance has been actively involved in Men's Ministry and Faith at Work for several years and currently serves as the chair of Men's Ministry.



Lance was led to Christ at an early age under the guidance of his grandfather, Frank Matthews. Lance is passionate about serving others through volunteer work and building strong father-son relationships based around Authentic Manhood. He is a senior project manager at Nabholz in Conway. His faith and family are his top priorities and what guides him every day.

Billy Thomas

Billy Thomas is married to Melissa Thomas, and they have been married for 28 years this July. Billy and Melissa have 2 children, Kaylee (20) and Parker (16), who are both active at Central.



Billy currently works for OSF Digital, leading Delivery and Operations for North & South America. Billy placed his faith in Jesus as his personal Savior and was baptized when he was 11 years old, during a revival at his home church, Central in Prescott. He and his family have been attending Central for 11 years. Billy currently serves on the finance and safety teams.

David Greenway

David was born again in September 1991 while attending North Fork Baptist in Paron, AR. The Lord later led my wife, Shannon and me to Central in 2005, and we have been grateful members for the past 21 years.



We have raised our two sons, Grant (22) and Drew (19), within the Central family and are deeply thankful for the blessing, guidance, and friendships God has provided us here. Professionally, I have worked at Baptist Health for 25 years currently serve as an IT manager. In my spare time, I enjoy the outdoors, vacationing with my family, and seeking ways to grow closer to the Lord. We love and are thankful for Central.

Jerry Rye

Jerry Rye is the husband of Angela Rye, and father to Jacob (19) and Alyssa (23), both of whom were dedicated, came to faith, and were baptized at Central. Jerry has been a faithful member of Central Orchestra for over 15 years and has served extensively in the Kid's Ministry.



Jerry serves as an IT Director at Dentsu Inc., where he has worked the last 8 years, following a 25 year career at Acxiom. He is a graduate of UCA and actively engaged in the Conway Community. Jerry believes deeply in the example set by Jesus to serve others first. After coming to faith as a teenager on Petit Jean Mtn, and later rededicating his life and being baptized at Central, he has felt a clear and ongoing calling to be a servant - both for Christ and for his neighbors.

Jon Priest

Jon has been a Christ-follower since 1989 and a member of Central since 2005. Over the years, he has been blessed to serve in many ways: praise band, mission trips, Lifegroup teacher for all ages, camps, men's ministry, and different committees. Called by God to become a professional helper, he has worked as a psychotherapist since 2007 and owns Christian Perspective Counseling, which offers mental health services from a biblical perspective. He and his wonderful wife, Lena, have been married 22 years and have three amazing children: Elias (19), Ada (16), and Landis (12). In his free time, Jon loves spending time in the wilderness and traveling with his family.

