# 2026 DEACON CANDIDATES

The Bible identifies two offices within the church: elder and deacon. The word *deacon* comes from the Greek word *diakonos*, meaning servant or helper. Deacons are biblically qualified servant-leaders who serve under the leadership of the elders, helping care for the practical needs and physical welfare of the congregation. The biblical qualifications for deacons are outlined in 1 Timothy 3:8–13.

Each year, the Henderson Hills congregation is invited to recommend men for consideration as deacons. Those selected as candidates then begin a year-long process that includes mentoring, Bible study, interviews, and the completion of key doctrinal questions. Candidates who successfully complete this process and are affirmed by the Elders are then presented to the church for congregational consideration. If affirmed by the church, they will be ordained and installed as deacons at Henderson Hills.

The men presented here have completed this process and have been affirmed by our Elders. We encourage you to learn more about each candidate and prayerfully consider them as we prepare to ordain our next group of deacons. If you have concerns regarding the qualifications of any of these men please email elders@hhbc.com. Members will have the opportunity to vote November 5–8.

## WILL GATTENBY

Born and raised in the Oklahoma City/Edmond area, Will has been a member of Henderson Hills since 2004. He and his wife, Amanda, were married in 2014 and have four children. Both Will and Amanda have faithfully served in Hillside Kids for many years, along with several other areas of church life. Together, they are part of the Taylor/Adel Community Group.

## STAN LAW

A Colorado Springs native, Stan is an Air Force veteran and physician. He and his wife, Shawn, moved from Ohio to Oklahoma in 2004 and joined Henderson Hills soon after. They have served in Student Ministry and currently enjoy welcoming others as greeters. Stan and Shawn have two married children and three grandsons in Texas, and they are grateful for the community they share through the Murdock Community Group.

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## LOUIE MARSCHIK

Louie grew up in Janesville, Wisconsin, and he and his wife, Pat, have been members of HHBC since 2013. They have five grown children as well as six grandchildren. Louie and Pat co-lead the Cassizzi/Marschik/Chupik Community Group. Louie also serves on the Celebrate Recovery leadership team, the Emergency Response Team, serves as an usher, and volunteers at VBS.

## CAMERON STANLEY

Originally from Roanoke, Virginia, Cameron grew up in Wake Forest, North Carolina. He and his wife, Brenna, have been married for six years and have two young children. Cameron has been a member of HHBC since 2020, and he and his wife are part of the Dozier/Andrus Community Group. Cameron leads a College & Young Adult CG and assists families staying in our missions houses, and in our Homebound Ministry.

## CHAD WILKERSON

Originally from the St. Louis area, Chad and his wife, Beth, have been married for 25 years, have four children, and have called HHBC home since 2006. Chad has a heart for caring for older adults and serves through our nursing home and Senior Adult Ministry, teaching and co-teaching at The Timbers and The Veraden residences. He and his wife are part of the Sage Community Group.