

May 2021 Elder Candidates



Dan Bensema

Dan and his wife, Laura, moved here from Chicago in 2007. Over the years, he has served as a deacon and been involved in men's ministries, small groups and leading Financial Peace University. Dan enjoys reading, football, traveling and backyard fun with his family. Others describe him as someone who works hard at a variety of pursuits, makes family his most important priority, and that he's fun (but not too fun) and responsible (but not too responsible). His favorite Bible verse is Matthew 11:28-30.



Steve Jenkins (re-elect)

Steve and his wife Linda have been part of our New Covenant church family for 37 years. They have been members of a Small Group for over 20 years. Steve is currently the Lead Teacher for the 3rd – 5th grade Children's Church and has been teaching 5th graders at New Covenant for 35 years. He previously served as a deacon board chairman for two years, as well as Project Manager for the construction and relocation to our present facility. He is often described as responsible. Steve enjoys playing golf, coaching basketball and baseball, gardening, and working out at the gym. Steve and Linda love attending their grandchildren's events and entertaining friends. His favorite Bible verse is Galatians 2:20.



Steve Pickering

Steve was born in Keystone, Iowa, and after several moves, he made Cedar Rapids his home in 1981. Steve and his wife, Janelle, have been part of our New Covenant church family since 1993. He is involved in the Pathfinders ABF and a men's study group, and has previously served as an Elder and ABF leader for many years. Steve is an avid golfer who also enjoys spending time with Janelle gardening, traveling and entertaining family and friends. Others describe him as honest, sincere, and hard working. His favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:13.



Amgad Zaghloul (re-elect)

Amgad graduated from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln before moving to Cedar Rapids in 1999. He and his wife Jenny have attended New Covenant since 2005 and have four children: Joey, Norah, Lena and Josh. They enjoy spending time together playing board games, reading, taking walks, and having good conversations. Amgad enjoys cars and biking, as well as learning about leadership. Those who know him well describe him as a good listener, a leader who cares about others and who enjoys deep and challenging conversations. Amgad's favorite Bible verse is Hebrews 12:1.