



KATHY MAYERS is originally from Meadville, Pennsylvania. She has lived in Fort Lauderdale since 1983 and joined the First Church family in 1988. A Retailer by profession, Kathy has served as Deacon, Elder and Trustee. She was a member of the Right Sizing Task Force, has previously taught Sunday School and has chaired -- and continues to be involved with --

the Youth and College Committee. She has enjoyed being a "Kitchen Mom" cooking for our youth on Sunday nights and organizing our Family Beach Night cookouts. Kathy is the daughter of a Presbyterian pastor and has served an Elder Commissioner to the Presbytery of Tropical Florida. She presently volunteers on the Women's Committee of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program in Broward County; is an American Cancer Society volunteer; and active in the Women of Tomorrow Mentoring Group. Kathy loves traveling, reading, spending time with family and – of course – shopping! She and John have been married for thirty three (33) years and they have two (2) children.



MATTHEW "MATT" MOORE came to South Florida as an infant from Cincinnati, Ohio. A retired Firefighter by profession, Matt is now an Instructor at the Firefighter Academy. He has been a part of the First Church family since 2000 and has been trained as a Bethel instructor. He has also taught Adult Education classes. Matt's passion is our youth and young people

and he is involved in almost every aspect: Sunday night youth groups, chaperoning Middle and High School Mission trips, volunteering as a set-builder for Kirk Singer musicals and much, much more! He loves fishing, hunting, outdoor time, but especially family time. Matt and Beth have been married for twenty three (23) years and they have two (2) children.



JOHN RIPLEY hails from Indiana and is a third-time Florida resident, most recently since 2002. A Financial Advisor by profession, John joined First Church in 2003 and has served as Trustee and on the Buildings and Grounds and Strategic Planning Committees. He has taught the Crown Financial course, has led several small groups, worked on the FPC Centennial Committee and has helped his wife of forty two (42) years, Carol, organize the All Church Work Days. John is in the cast of the annual Maundy Thursday dramatization of DaVinci's *The Last Supper* playing the part of Nathaniel. John is Past Chairman of the Sunrise Chamber of Commerce and has organized the Sunrise American Cancer Society's Relay for Life for the past three (3) years. John enjoys gardening, volunteering here at church and especially his two (2) children and two (2) grandchildren.



JAMES "JIM" SABIN is a Michigan native who has lived in Fort Lauderdale since 1976. A retired U. S. Postal Service employee, Jim has been ordained as both a Deacon and an Elder. Jim has a servant's heart and currently serves as a Deacon (Class of 2017). He is actively involved with our seniors at John Knox Village, helps with the church wide Blood Drives, and is always

willing to lend a hand at most any church project! Jim has a passion for our community and is involved with Hope South Florida. He and his wife, Barbara have been members of First Pres since 2003. Jim enjoys golf, wood turning and travel.



STEVE STIMPSON is a native of Charlotte, NC and has lived in Fort Lauderdale since 1992. He joined First Church in 2009 and is a retired pilot from American Airlines and the U. S. Air Force Reserves. He is presently serving as a Deacon (Class of 2016) and serves as Director of Communion. He has taught Adult Education classes including "The Truth Project" and "Just Walk Across

the Room". Steve also is a graduate of the Crown Financial course and volunteers his time in the kitchen and serving for WNL; he volunteers for Habitat for Humanity and participates in FPC's All Church Work Days. In our community, Steve volunteers for the Fort Lauderdale Police Department's Citizens on Patrol and serves as the Operations Officer with the Civil Air Patrol in Boca Raton. He is an NRA Certified firearms instructor. Steve enjoys traveling to South Africa, home of his wife of twelve (12) years, Elise.



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| Kay Lani Atkinson | Robert "Rob" Jackson |
| Gail Auguston-Koppen | Kathy Mayers |
| Sarah Del Negri | Matthew "Matt" Moore |
| Jennifer "Nikki" Diefenbach | John Ripley |
| Paul Greenman | James "Jim" Sabin |
| Pam Hickson | Steve Stimpson |





KAY LANI ATKINSON is a native Floridian and has been a part of the First Church family since 1988. A retired Realtor by profession, Kay Lani is presently serving as an Elder (Class of 2016). She is Chair of the Children's Ministry committee; has previously served on the Happyland Board, on the Personnel Committee and as a Trustee. Kay Lani volunteers with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program in Broward County; has previously volunteered as a Guardian *ad litum* and been a member of the Rotary Club, Ft. Lauderdale South. She and Wilson have been married fifty years and they have five children and six grandchildren.



GAIL AUGUSTON-KOPPEN hails originally from Portland, Oregon. She has been a resident of Fort Lauderdale since 2000 and a member of the FPC family since 2009. A Corporate Executive Recruiter, Gail has served First Church as a Cursillo/Pilgrimage of Florida Board Chairman and past Moderator; she is a Leader/Teacher in our Women's Ministry, as well as having served as teacher and facilitator of the "Experiencing God" and "The Truth Project" small groups. She presently serves on the Boards of Directors of Hope South Florida, Spring of Hope (water well project in Africa) and Funding Arts Broward. Gail is passionate about mission, especially with the homeless and homeless Veterans having coordinated the "Boots for the Homeless" Lenten project in 2016. In her "spare" time, Gail supports young artists in our community, she loves travelling to Africa and photography. Gail and Ed have been married for 29 years, they have five children, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren!



SARAH DEL NEGRI is a Fort Lauderdale (not just Florida!) native and grew up here at First Church joining as a Confirmand in 1987 representing the third generation here at FPC. A Planner by profession, Sarah has previously served as Deacon and Trustee; she spearheaded FPC's Centennial Celebration in 2012; has served on the Buildings and Grounds, Strategic Planning, Congregational Nominating and Communications Committees. Additionally, Sarah teaches Sunday School, is a Choir Mom and has worked on Campus Redevelopment. Sarah volunteers with the Bayview Elementary PTA; enjoys her family time, yoga and travel. Sarah and her husband, T. J. have been married for ten years and they have one child.



JENNIFER "NIKKI" DIEFENBACH is a native of West Virginia, but grew up here in South Florida. She has been active here at First Church since 2013 and officially became a part of our FPC family in 2015. A Proofreader, Editor and "stay at home" Mom, Nikki is extremely active in MOPS, serves on the Children's Ministry committee, volunteers in Vacation Bible School (VBS) and Wednesday Night, Live!, teaches Sunday school, and participates in Adult Education classes. Nikki volunteers with Habitat for Humanity in Broward County and also in First Church's annual Thanksgiving basket project. She also works with the Miracle Message Ministry matching videos of homeless or displaced persons with their estranged or missing families. When time permits, Nikki enjoys reading, crafting, cooking and travel. Nikki and David have been married for four years and they have one child.



PAUL GREENMAN hails originally from the Chester County, PA area but has lived in Ft. Lauderdale since 2001. He and his wife Linda have been married for twenty three (23) years and they have two (2) children. Both Linda and Paul have been members of First Presbyterian Church since 2002. Paul is an Assistant Professor in the Health Professions Division at Nova Southeastern University and has served this church as Deacon, Elder, past Chair of the Personnel Committee, on the Right-Sizing Task Force, and as an Elder Commissioner to the Presbytery of Tropical Florida. He has worked to raise awareness for Arthritis by organizing walk-a-thons and has coached Youth Soccer. When time permits, Paul enjoys gardening.



PAM HICKSON was born in Naranja, Florida into a family that settled in South Dade generations ago. She has lived in Fort Lauderdale since 1989 and became a part of our First Church family in 2003. Pam is a retired Buyer for Federated Department Stores and was Head Swim and Dive Coach at the University School. She has previously served as Moderator of our Deacons, serves on the Youth and College Committee and the Mission Study Task Forces and enjoys using her computer and communications skills to benefit our church. Pam enjoys cooking for our youth on Sunday nights, has worked as a make-up artist for our Maundy Thursday dramatization of DaVinci's *The Last Supper* and assisted with make-up and served as costumer for the Kirk Singer Broadway musicals. Pam also volunteers for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and Breast Cancer Charities. Most people don't know that Pam was a Co-Captain of the Dolphins Cheerleaders back in the 1970's!! She loves gardening, line dancing and the arts. Pam and Edward (Ed) Sichler have been married for twenty-eight (28) years and they have two children.



ROBERT "ROB" JACKSON hails from Starkville, Mississippi and has been a Fort Lauderdale resident since 2014. He is a Landscape Architect by profession. As a member, Rob is currently active in FPC's Young Adult Ministry (which has always been his passion!) and in our Small Groups. He has served as an Elder in his previous church; worked in Campus Ministry at the University of Arkansas; has been a camp counselor and served at Christian retreats for this demographic. Rob enjoys fishing, camping and back packing for fun!