



Leadership Team Nominee – Rachel Johnson

Rachel Johnson was born and raised in Lafayette, IN. She was raised in a Christian household and grew up attending Purdue Christian Campus House as the daughter of the pastor's kid. Rachel graduated from Purdue University School of Nursing. After graduating from nursing school, she moved to Columbus, OH, where she lived for two and a half years. Following her engagement, she returned to Lafayette. She and her husband, Steve, have known each other since middle school, started dating in high school, and will have been married 25 years in August of 2026. They have three sons, Isaac (21), Caleb (18), and Levi (11).

Rachel and Steve have attended Riverside Covenant Church for 24 years. Rachel has served in the nursery and children's ministry, on the pastoral relations committee, as coordinator of the meal train ministry, as a Stephen Minister, and as a team member on the refugee resettlement team. She has also participated in pods, bible studies, and women's ministry over the years. Rachel is active as a River Guide and maintains the AED equipment for the church.

Rachel has been a registered nurse for 28 years. Her nursing career has included work in surgical and medical intensive care units and managed care developing educational material for people with chronic conditions. For the last 17 years, Rachel has worked as a hospice and palliative care nurse for Franciscan Health. She also has certifications through the Functional Aging Institute as a functional aging specialist and caregiver exercise specialist. Rachel opened her own business, Functional Care, LLC, five years ago to help older adults age well in place. When her schedule allows, she fills in as needed at Miracles Fitness as a trainer.



Leadership Team Nominee – Joey Mayfield

Joey grew up in Delphi, sitting next to his grandmother in the pew and eating candy from her purse. His faith became his own after a mission trip to South Africa between high school and college. Since then, he has been passionate about missions both locally and globally, traveling to nine countries on mission trips. That passion led him to step away from his corporate career in 2011 to serve as a Missions Director in Crown Point for five years.

Joey has been married to his high school sweetheart, Julie, for 18 years, and they have two children, Isaiah (13) and Maddie (9). As a family, they enjoy birdwatching, playing and coaching softball, and riding bikes at Prophetstown.

Joey earned a bachelor's degree in Business Management from Purdue University and a Master's in Intercultural Studies from Moody Theological Seminary. He now serves as Vice President of Operations at FBI Buildings in Remington, where he gets to practice his vision for faith at work.

Joey has attended Riverside for eight years, where he has served in RiverKids, occasionally preached on Sundays, and co-leads a Pod



**Leadership Team
Replacement for Becky
Wellner's term—Jen
Ritchie**

Jen Ritchie moved to West Lafayette with her husband Dan and two small boys to pursue her Masters degree in English Education in 2002. What they thought would be a short stay in West Lafayette to get their degrees turned into a couple small businesses, three more children, plus two lively Golden Retrievers. Dan and Jen came to Riverside Covenant in 2014 after serving in another local church for 12 years.

After many years of teaching part time, being the managing editor of two local publications, and working in marketing, Jen found her calling in photography. In 2017 she finally spent money on herself and bought her first DSLR camera, quickly upgrading over the next few years to professional bodies and lenses. She is now a portrait photographer locally and also photographs wildlife and nature in Colorado, Wyoming, Alaska, and Canada. Additionally, she is the host of the Wildlife Conversations podcast, interviewing wildlife photographers, guides, and conservationists from around the world.

Jen loves spending time with her family and extended family, long walks at the Celery Bog, hiking in Grand Teton National Park, tea with girlfriends, dark chocolate, and photographing Alaskan Brown Bear cubs in Katmai National Park.