

Beverly Whiteford

Transitional Shepherd



Hello Church,

I am Bev Whiteford. My connection to FGCC begins with my baptism and confirmation, as I was born and raised in the Fawn Grove area. I have fond memories of my childhood church family, all the church activities and the central point that Fawn Church held in the community. After high school, my education continued by earning my Master's Degree in Science Education. I had a very fulfilling career teaching Chemistry at Kennard-Dale High School for 34 years during which I held many leadership roles. I currently live in Fawn Grove with Bill, my husband of 25 years. When we blended our two young families together, we reconnected with Fawn Church and felt it was important that our children and step-children were raised in a Christian household and that we faithfully attended church as a family. We are now empty-nesters with four beautiful grandchildren and we continue to be active members of this church, finding various ways to serve and grow in our faith.

It is an honor to be considered to be a Shepherd for FGCC. I feel my calling to this leadership role started about 3 years ago when I retired from teaching. At that time, I knew I wanted to use my skills and time to be more involved in the church. Since then, I have "bounced around" different ministries, activities, projects and roles in the church, serving in both big and small ways. I love God, this church, its people and its community and although I have enjoyed my involvement in various tasks and activities over these past three years, I have felt pulled in too many different directions, yet complete in none. I have prayed and talked to many of you about my difficulty in seeing the plan that God has for me to serve this church and have been waiting for years for the answer. As the church began moving towards the Shepherd Governed model and I learned more about the leadership structure, I began to see the answer. My involvement in many different parts of church life was God's plan to open my mind and eyes and prepare my heart to serve as a Shepherd. It has allowed me to recognize that being active in church is not something you do as an obligation, but rather it is a desire to serve as a result of a growing love for God. Although I know this new role will be a different type of involvement and commitment, I feel that God is calling me to be a Shepherd and I am not only willing to serve but excited with anticipation for our church, for myself and for each of you as we journey together refocusing on His Word, His Way, and His Plan.