

# Candidate Profile

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## *Elder Board*

### **Byron West**

**Spouse:** Patti

**Children:** Ryan

**Member for:** 21 years

**Employment:** Retired

**How do you desire God to use you as an elder?**

My desire is to serve God and this body of believers as an elder. Specifically, I wish to be part of the group who shepherds our local congregation, ensures that First Free stays true to God's Word, provides counsel to our full-time pastors and staff, teaches when called upon to do so, prays for the body, and shares God's love to our body and the lost. One important aspect of being an elder is to stay true to sound doctrine. Satan seeks to weaken the church by using secular culture to influence our beliefs. Elders are instructed in Titus 1:9 to "hold fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching so that they will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict." My desire is to faithfully follow what is instructed in the Bible for elders.

