

Jake Bynum

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responsible for consumer lending, deposit account relations, and community outreach. Bynum states "I am grateful for the opportunities I was afforded by First State during my tenure with them. For nearly 10 years, I was allowed to work with great people, participate in a number of community activities and serve a wonderful community."

In August 2014, Jake was elected as Weakley County Mayor.

The result of that election was in many ways historical.

Presently, Bynum is the youngest County Mayor in Tennessee.

Elected at the age 30, he is the youngest Mayor to serve in Weakley County. Bynum was also elected as the first Independent in a partisan race. Jake vowed to represent all the citizens of Weakley County regardless of party affiliation.

He also committed to working day in and day out to promote Weakley County and provide opportunities for future generations of our community to be able to live and work in Weakley County if they so choose. Since being elected, Bynum's chief initiative has been finding a solution to bring high-speed broadband technology to all the businesses and citizens of Weakley County regardless of where they work and live. The position of being County Mayor has allowed Bynum to be involved in a number of organizations and opportunities.

He is a member of the TN Association of County Mayors, TN; County Services Association; board member of Northwest Tennessee Development District; West Tennessee River Basin Authority; Everett-Stewart Regional Airport and the Regional Workforce Development Board.

In 2003, Bynum was approached to serve on the Tennessee Iris Festival Executive Board. At that time, Jake committed to serving while a student at UTM. Jake served as a board member during the 2003 and 2004 festivals and then served as chairman of the 25th Annual TN Iris Festival. Jake went on to serve as co-chair two other times for the 26th and 30th annual festival with Jennifer McAlpin and Abbey Stoker respectively.

In 2013, Bynum was honored for 10 years of service to the executive board. Under the leadership of the board during those 10 years, the festival saw a number of changes and

improvements. Those included the implementation of the existing sponsorship program, the addition or revitalization of events including the Fairytale Feast, Fun Bingo, Marketplace, and the picnic and fireworks at Opening Ceremonies. Jake commented, "I was not only fortunate to serve on the board for nearly a third of my life, but I was lucky to make great friends and fond memories."

With a heart for service and helping others, Jake has worked tirelessly to make our community a better place. Jake has been honored to serve as President of the Dresden Rotary Club, President of Weakley County Chamber of Commerce, President of the Dresden Business Association, Commissioner of Dresden Cal Ripken Youth League Baseball, and Chairman of the Weakley County Reading Railroad.

Bynum has served on a number of boards including: the Reelfoot Bank board of directors, Weakley County United Way, Weakley and Obion County Carl Perkins, Volunteer Community Hospital, Weakley County Office on Aging, and Dresden Elks Lodge.

Bynum is also a member of Dresden Volunteer Fire Department and served as an Alderman for the City of Dresden from 2008-2012. In 2015, Bynum was appointed by Governor Bill Haslam to serve on the Governor's Books from Birth Foundation Advisory Council.

Jake and his family are members of Dresden First Baptist Church. One of Jake's proudest accomplishments is being a founding member of the Weakley County Backpack Program. Since the implantation of the program, over 250 Weakley County students have received services from the program.

Jake considers himself the luckiest man in Dresden, but not because of the many opportunities he has been afforded.

Bynum is blessed to have had a loving family and supportive group of friends. Most importantly, Bynum met and married the love of his life, Alyssa Bynum. Jake and Alyssa are raising their two children – five-year-old Ella and three-year-old Nash. Together, as a team, they support Jake and his many endeavors. Jake proudly admits that any success he has or will have is due entirely to the unconditional love of Alyssa, Ella and Nash and through the blessings of God.



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