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### **First National Community Bank Announces Promotion of Gary Middleton to Chief Banking Officer**

**Chatsworth, Ga., July 8, 2024** – First National Community Bank (FNCB), the wholly owned subsidiary of First Chatsworth Bankshares, Inc., is pleased to announce the promotion of Gary Middleton to the position of Executive Vice President and Chief Banking Officer, effective July 1, 2024. Middleton currently serves as President of the bank's Dalton, Chatsworth and Eton markets.

In his new role, Gary Middleton will oversee and support field production operations, leveraging his extensive experience and leadership in banking. With 40 years of dedicated service in Northwest Georgia, Gary has consistently demonstrated a commitment to excellence in banking operations and strategic leadership.

"Gary Middleton has been an integral part of our team, and his promotion to Chief Banking Officer is a testament to his exceptional leadership and dedication. His wealth of experience and deep understanding of the banking landscape in Northwest Georgia make him ideally suited to lead our production operations forward," said FNCB President and Chief Executive Officer, Ryan P. Earnest.

Gary Middleton joined First National Community Bank in 2014, bringing with him a wealth of experience gained from leadership roles at several prominent banks in Northwest Georgia. Throughout his career, he has been instrumental in securing quality loans and enhancing the skills of his lending teams.

"I am honored and excited to take on this new role at First National Community Bank. I look forward to working closely with our talented team to continue delivering exceptional service and value to our customers as we navigate the evolving banking environment," said Middleton.

For more information about First National Community Bank and its range of financial services, visit [www.fnccbank.com](http://www.fnccbank.com).

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**About First Chatsworth Bankshares Inc.:** Founded in 1975, First National Community Bank, the wholly owned subsidiary of First Chatsworth Bankshares, Inc., has approximately \$640 million in total assets and \$556 million in total deposits. We are a locally owned community bank with our branches located within a contiguous footprint throughout northwest Georgia with local decision making, exemplary customer service and extraordinary involvement in the communities we serve. The Bank operates 10 full-service banking offices in Adairsville, Calhoun, Cartersville, Chatsworth, Dalton (2 banking office locations), Eton and Rome (3 banking office locations), a mortgage office in Dalton and loan production offices in Paulding County, Georgia and Chattanooga, Tennessee. For more information, visit [www.fnccbank.com](http://www.fnccbank.com). Member FDIC. Equal Housing Lender.