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ASCEND FEDERAL CREDIT UNION ANNOUNCES PROMOTION AND WELCOMES NEW TEAM MEMBER

Ascend Federal Credit Union is pleased to announce a promotion and welcome a new team member.

Matt Jernigan has been promoted from internal auditor to vice president of operations. In this position, which is based at Ascend's corporate headquarters in Tullahoma, he will oversee financial center operations, the Consumer and Student Lending departments, the Certificates/IRA Department, Support Services and business continuity/disaster recovery.

"My primary goal is to each day ensure that, operationally, Ascend Federal Credit Union is delivering on our brand promise to educate and help members become effective financial stewards," Jernigan said. "At Ascend our financial success is directly correlated to the financial success of our members, and the great level of success that we assist our members in achieving leads to a higher return for the credit union."

Jernigan has a bachelor's degree in Accounting from Middle Tennessee State University, and he is a Certified Public Accountant. Before joining the credit union, he worked as audit manager for Housholder, Artman, and Associates.

Jernigan resides in Manchester with his wife and daughter.

Ascend welcomes Nancy Parker as the new director of Member Business Services. The responsibilities of this new position include implementing a business policy and standard operating procedures to meet the financial needs of business owners.

Before joining Ascend, Parker was a commercial lender managing business banking portfolios in excess of \$30 million.

"I look forward to developing a conservative lending platform that celebrates small business and encourages economic growth, sustainability and business education," she said. "I want the Member Business Lending team to be considered the first resource by member business owners."

Parker has a bachelor of science degree in Finance from the University of Alabama, and she is a top honor graduate of the Southeastern School of Commercial Lending.

The Tullahoma native resides in Sewanee with her two daughters.

Ascend Federal Credit Union is a full-service financial institution with 16 locations in Middle Tennessee. Federally insured by the NCUA, membership is limited.

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