Brookwood Church

# TRUSTEE NOMINEES

2027

# Members Vote December 6

A business meeting will be held following each service on Sunday, December 6, for church members to vote on nominated Trustees to serve on the 2027 Advisory Team.

## Trustee Qualifications and Responsibilities

Trustees are lay persons (non-pastors) who serve on the Advisory Team to provide direction and guidance for our church. They must be members in good standing and fulfill the spiritual qualifications of deacons, as described in **1 Timothy 3:8–13**. Those recommended to serve as Trustees must demonstrate spiritual maturity, a willingness to serve, and practical experience in areas such as finance, facility construction, human relations, management, communications, missions or evangelism.

*In the same way, deacons must be well respected and have integrity. They must not be heavy drinkers or dishonest with money. They must be committed to the mystery of the faith now revealed and must live with a clear conscience. Before they are appointed as deacons, let them be closely examined. If they pass the test, then let them serve as deacons.*

*In the same way, their wives must be respected and must not slander others. They must exercise self-control and be faithful in everything they do.*

*A deacon must be faithful to his wife, and he must manage his children and household well. Those who do well as deacons will be rewarded with respect from others and will have increased confidence in their faith in Christ Jesus.* **1 Timothy 3:8–13 (NLT)**

## Trustees serving Brookwood Church shall have the following powers and duties:

1. Provide financial counsel to the Pastoral staff.

2. Assist in the interview, selection and employment of pastoral staff.

3. Determine compensation of the Senior Pastor and, with the Senior Pastor, of other ordained ministers of the church.

4. Serve the church as official representatives of the church in terms of business contracts and other legal matters. Trustees, under the direction of the Advisory Team or, if required, congregational approval, may borrow money and incur indebtedness on behalf of the Church and cause to be executed and delivered for the Church's purposes and in the Church's name, promissory notes and other evidence of debt and securities.

5. Conduct other duties and activities as requested by the Senior Pastor, pastoral staff or Advisory Team.

The Advisory Team determines the number of Trustees annually, and they are nominated to the church body annually by the Senior Pastor. They are elected by the members at the annual business meeting and may only be removed from completing their 3-year term by a vote of the members.

## Trustee responsibilities include:

All trustees serve on the Brookwood Advisory Team, which meets quarterly to:

- Review and discuss quarterly financial reports.
- Review and discuss ministry reports and activities.
- Pray for the pastors, ministries and congregation.
- Hear from and share with pastors what we see God doing in our church.
- Discuss new business.
- Provide feedback on proposals and plans presented by pastors.

Additional meetings are held as needed to discuss:

- Annual budget development.
- Pastoral interviews and hiring.
- New trustee interviews.
- Significant projects.
- Other matters as appropriate.



# Randy England

## Trustee Nominee (2027–2029)

## Trustee Nominee 2027

**Children:** Faith and Christina.

**Professional Career:** Retired Human Resources Director, Reeves Construction Company.

**Brookwood Member:** Since 2014.

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**Volunteer service at Brookwood:** Community Group Leader, 45+ Singles Connected with Christ; Military Reboot Leader, Financial Care Ministry: Financial Counselor, Men's Lay Counseling, Mission Trips: Dominican Republic and Kentucky, Pass it Forward.

**Other volunteer experience:** Founding Member/Past President of Veterans Helping Veterans, Greenville; Current President, Vineyards at North Main HOA, Greenville.

**Community Group experience:** Co-leader with 45+ Singles Connected with Christ–50 attendees; Military Reboot Leader–Thursday Night Care

**Other church experience:** Hillsboro Baptist Church member, 8 years, Hillsboro, Georgia; Hardwick Baptist Church, member, 10 years, Milledgeville, GA; Christ Chapel, 12 years, member, Macon, GA .

**My vision for Brookwood:** To be a church that loves people right where they are, whether broken, vulnerable, lost or searching for hope, and to be people who listen, care and lead them to Christ and the promise of eternal life.

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**My relationship with Christ:** My relationship with Christ started at a young age of 10 years old, while having a godly mother who taught us to love people and to follow Christ, and some loving people, such as a Sunday school teacher, who taught us the Bible and what the love of Jesus is really about with loving people. Hillsboro Baptist Church developed children to fear and love God at the same time, and to show that love by caring for its membership. I accepted Jesus as that 10-year-old boy because people showed me love, and they taught me to show that love to His people. Those people taught me to always be kind and to love people as Christ loves me, and since those days, I have always shown love by being available and caring for Christ's children. My walk with Christ has always been there through all the ups and downs of life because I know this life is temporary, but eternity is forever. Loving God and loving people go hand in hand with being a Christian. I talk to Christ every day, often when making decisions and especially by listening to Christ in my daily quietness. Pray for everything, worry for nothing, and give God everything in life.

**Favorite Bible verse:** "*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

**John 3:16 (NASB)**



# Judy Olson

## Trustee Nominee (2027–2029)

## Trustee Nominee 2027

**Children:** Daughter–Jennifer, Son–Shane, Daughter-in-Law, Tracy, Granddaughter, Kenley.

**Professional Career:** Retired from many life experiences.

**Brookwood Member:** Since 2001.

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**Volunteer service at Brookwood:** Care Ministry/Women's Counseling, Sunday Morning Prayer Circle, Prayer Time Open/Close, Women's Ministry, Women's Ministry Table Leader, PPS Prayer Team. Staff the Care Connection Room/First Sunday of the month. Christmas Eve - 2025, Leader - Women's Morning, Bible Study Group.

**Other volunteer experience:** Choir, Singles Ministry, Triad Supervisor, two mission trips to Honduras, Women's and Singles retreats.

**Community Group experience:** PPS Prayer Ministry group, Monday Morning Ladies Group for several years, currently the leader.

**Other church experience:** I was raised Catholic and received all the sacraments, but always felt something was missing. After a painful divorce and years of pursuing the things of this world, I was invited to Brookwood in 1998. Although hesitant about attending a non-denominational church, my first visit surprised me. I felt Perry was speaking directly to me. As I continued attending and learning the truth of God's Word, the Holy Spirit convicted my heart and transformed my beliefs and way of life. I came to understand God's grace, mercy, and forgiveness and that I am a child of the King. Since then, I have learned to surrender my life to Him daily and seek to live as He intends.

**My vision for Brookwood:** My vision is for Brookwood to continue sharing the good news of Jesus through teaching, our actions and community, inspiring others to live like Christ. I want to see people boldly embrace the gift of salvation and transformation, keeping Jesus at the center of their lives and reflecting His love through their words and actions.

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**My relationship with Christ:** As I grow closer to Jesus every day, I try to begin and end my day in conversation with Jesus. I continue to read His word and apply it to my life to equip my heart and mind while sharing God's goodness with others. I share my Story as often as possible. I pray that I am able to be an example of living as a child of God and King Jesus, spiritually, prayerfully and monetarily by giving back from the abundant gifts that He has blessed me with. May my prayers and concern for all of God's children minister and provide guidance, protection, love and the power of Jesus to fill their lives, hearts, minds, and body and soul with every good thing only God can supply.

**Favorite Bible verse:** *"Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know."*

**Jeremiah 33:3 (NKJV)**



# Bob Felts

## Current Trustee (2026–2027)

## Trustee Nominee 2027

**Spouse:** Deb Felts.

**Children:** Three adult sons and five grandchildren.

**Professional Career:** Financial Advisor, College and Seminary Adjunct Professor, Pastor.

**Brookwood Member:** First joined in 2013, left to serve another church for five years, back since 2020.

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**Volunteer service at Brookwood:** Marriage ministry–Deb and I teach Passionate Teammates, facilitate Re|Engage groups. Men's Leadership Team, Men's Discipleship Group, Devotional Writing Team.

**Other volunteer experience:** Hospice and YMCA Board member (in the past).

**Community Group experience:** Fathered by God Men's Groups. Deb and I participate in the Sunday Disciples when not leading Marriage groups or classes.

**My vision for Brookwood:** That we will be faithful to love and delight in God, love people, and change the world by making disciples.

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**My relationship with Christ:** I grew up in a small family in Atlanta and was taken to church every time the doors were open. As a teen, however, I saw hypocrisy in the church and conflict at home. I concluded God wasn't real and the Bible was just a collection of ancient myths. God never stopped drawing me, and a couple of years later, I gave my life to Christ. Then, to my surprise, God called me into ministry. I met my amazing wife, Deb, when I was a freshman at Georgia Tech, and four years later, we were married and in seminary in Fort Worth. We have experienced so many blessings and joys serving the Lord all these years, and at the same time, we have experienced great hardships, including my battle with lung cancer in 2010. Again, to my grateful surprise, through prayer and multiple surgeries, God healed me. I realize every day is a gift from the Lord, which has given me great joy and peace as I seek to make Christ the center of my life every day.

**Favorite Bible verse:** *And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.*

**2 Timothy 2:2 (NIV)**



# Jason Bergeron

## Current Trustee (2026–2028)

## Trustee Nominee 2027

**Spouse:** Jilly Bergeron.

**Children:** Three children–Jocelyn, Jeorgia and Jude and son-in-law Kareem.

**Professional Career:** Owner, Bergeron Custom Homes.

**Brookwood Member:** Since 1998.

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**Volunteer service at Brookwood:** Care Ministry After Service Prayer, Pre-Marital Counselor, Community Group Leader, Disaster Relief, Men's Mentor, Feeding the Homeless, ServeFest.

**Other volunteer experience:** Assistant coach to Upstate Home School Coop Archery Team.

**Community Group experience:** Leader of Pursuing Manhood Group.

**Other church experience:** None, Brookwood is the only church I have ever been a part of.

**My vision for Brookwood:** That Brookwood may be a healthy, thriving part of the body of Christ. That we would love God and love people well. That the people are loving and are transformed through God's grace, and that we can make the world a better place by pushing back against the spiritual powers of darkness. That we can challenge people to live in obedience and submission to God's law and show them that we can receive true joy and satisfaction if we're willing to live His way.

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**My relationship with Christ:** I accepted Christ on March 8, 1998, at the age of 24. I had been searching for answers since the age of 17. God used a number of people and events to get me to the point of salvation, but God was faithful in answering, revealing and opening His answers to my asking, seeking and knocking. When I accepted Christ, I was all in. I consciously made a decision to examine my beliefs and discard them if they did not have a biblical basis. In 2000, I married the most wonderful woman I know. God has used my wife, Jilly, more than any other person to challenge me to grow as a man and Christian. We have three awesome children who God has used to grow and humble me as well. Life was relatively smooth until the economic downturn of 2008. We almost lost everything financially. It was a time of testing, but we held fast to God's promises and goodness. I found out I had cancer in the spring of 2012. This was another shock after losing so much financially. Through several surgeries and chemotherapy, I was healed of my cancer. It's hard to explain, because I wouldn't have wished for either of these things to happen to anyone, but we have seen God's hand move and provide for us in these trials. I can truly say that I am thankful and I am a better man for experiencing loss like this. I have a life debt to pay to God in the manner Friday honored his life debt to Robinson Crusoe (for you literature fans). I am nothing without Him. I spend time with God and in God's Word on most days.

**Favorite Bible verse:** *"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."*

**John 16:33 (NIV)**



# Marilyn Kendrick

## Current Trustee (2026–2028)

## Trustee Nominee 2027

**Spouse:** Rob Kendrick.

**Children:** Four children–Tracy, Josh, Nick and Heather, and seven grandchildren.

**Professional Career:** Currently owns and operates GreenLeaf Realty, Inc., previously worked at Brookwood Church for 5 years and Michelin North America for 22 years.

**Brookwood Member:** Since 1998.

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**Volunteer service at Brookwood:** Currently co-leads Women's Community Group, Serves on Decorating Team, Previous Women's Ministry Director, Brookwood Trustee (2014-2016 and 2018-2020).

**Other volunteer experience:** Greenville Sertoma Club, served on various committees for SC Association of REALTORS®, SC REALTOR ® Leadership Graduate.

**Community Group experience:** Leader of WOW Group for 10+ years, Area Leader and Coach for Women's Small Groups, Leader for youth ( high school girls) discipleship group.

**My vision for Brookwood:** To share the Good News of Jesus Christ. To be united as a congregation, Loving God and People—in our church, our community and around the world.

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**My relationship with Christ:** I accepted Christ as a youth, but really understood my need for a Savior as an adult. I made many mistakes along the way, but God still accepted and forgave me. I am humbled that He could use me to serve Him and others. God continues to work in my life to draw me closer to Him. I am more aware than ever that I will never deserve the sacrifice He made for me by sending His Son, Jesus, to take away my sins. My desire is to glorify Him in all that I do, and I am very thankful that I serve a loving God who wants to have a personal relationship with me.

**Favorite Bible verse:** *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

**Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)**



# Scott Day

## Current Trustee (2025–2027)

## Trustee Nominee 2027

**Spouse:** April Day.

**Children:** Cecelia (23) and Cooper (21).

**Professional Career:** Chief Engineer – GE Vernova.

**Brookwood Member:** Since 2000.

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**Volunteer service at Brookwood:** Kentucky Mission Trip, Pass It Forward, Child Care (past), Welcome Team (past).

**Other volunteer experience:** Habitat for Humanity, GE Wheelchair Ramps.

**Community Group experience:** Out to Lunch Group, Parenting Group Leader (past).

**My vision for Brookwood:** To remain an open and engaging community where folks can start or continue building a relationship with Christ.

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**My relationship with Christ:** My relationship with Christ started in 1992 when I met my wife, and I reached a milestone in 2000 when I was baptized in Perry's pool. Over the last 26 years, my relationship with Christ has matured as April and I raised our children and imprinted the Word of God on their hearts and truly engraved it on my heart.

**Favorite Bible verse:** *Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us.*

**Romans 12:3 (NLT)**

**Hobbies:** Bicycle riding, I am switching from running after a hip replacement.

**Hometown:** Phelps NY – Upstate New York – Finger Lakes region – Lived in Greenville since 1995.

# 2027 Advisory Team

## Pastors

Bryan Jones, Senior Pastor
J.C. Thompson, Executive Pastor of Strategy
David Hardy, Executive Pastor
Matt Plunkett, Executive Pastor of Ministries

## Trustees

(Pending approval by church member vote December 6)
New Nominee - Randy England (2027-2029)
New Nominee - Judy Olson (2027-2029)
Current - Bob Felts (2026-2027)
Current - Jason Bergeron (2026-2028)
Current - Marilyn Kendrick (2026-2028)
Current - Scott Day (2025-2027)

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