

Brookwood Church
**TRUSTEE
NOMINEES**

2023





Members Vote December 11

A business meeting will be held following each service Sunday, December 11, for church members to vote on nominated Trustees to serve on the 2023 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 evidences of debt and securities.
5. Conduct other duties and activities as requested by the Senior Pastor, pastoral staff or Advisory Team.

The number of Trustees is determined annually by the Advisory Team, 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.
- Assess, develop and execute strategic direction.
- Engage in new projects and team activities.
- Discuss new business.
- Plan congregational communications.

Additional meetings are held as needed to discuss:

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



MIKE CLARK

Trustee Nominee (2023–2025)

Trustee Nominee 2023

Spouse: Debbie S. Clark.

Professional Career: Retired after 31 years from Laurens Electric Cooperative.

Brookwood Member: Since 1993 (Charter Member).

Volunteer service at Brookwood: Intercessory Prayer Team, Former Trustee, Former Marriage Mentor, Former Community Group Leader, ServeFest, Sunday morning Prayer group, Brookwood Lost & Found.

Other volunteer experience: Meals on Wheels volunteer, serve on the Meals on Wheels Volunteer Committee.

Community Group experience: Current participant in Zeller Community Group, led one of the first Brookwood Community Groups, led a Married Couples Community Group for over 10 years.

Other church experience: Former member of Laurel Baptist Church.

My vision for Brookwood: That Brookwood is a church where the Word of God and the Gospel of Christ is taught and exemplified by our actions of Loving God and Loving People. May God receive the Glory!

My relationship with Christ: I accepted Christ as a young boy of 9 years old. Like many though, in my young adult life I ventured away from God. But THANK GOD He never left pursuing me, and He led me to Brookwood Church. My wife and I were involved in perhaps the first Community Group at Brookwood, which was the Bible Study of *Experiencing God*. During this study I rededicated my life to Christ. I have been amazed how God has used me since that time. All He asks for is a willing heart, and to take a step of faith. In doing so, God is faithful to lead you.

Favorite Bible verses: *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)

Trust in Him at all times... pour out your heart to Him, for God is our refuge.

Psalms 62:8 (NIV)



ROBERT DENNIS

Trustee Nominee (2023–2025)

Trustee Nominee 2023

Spouse: Susan Dennis.

Children: Seven sons and three daughters, five of whom were adopted as infants.

Professional Career: Retired from US Army.

Brookwood Member: Since 2018.

Volunteer service at Brookwood: Auditorium Team, Usher Team, Men's Connecting Point Table Leader, Funeral Team, Watchers Prayer Team, Concourse Team, Pastoral Prayer Shield Team, Co-ed Community Group Leader, Lay Counselor, Security Team Member.

Other volunteer experience: Meals on Wheels.

Community Group experience: Leader of Doing Life Together Group.

Other church experience: Greater Philadelphia Church of Christ Deacon, Leader in Order of Service, Lead Usher for 16 years, and Chemical Recovery Ministry for 7 years. Board member for the Philadelphia chapter of Hope Worldwide.

My vision for Brookwood: My vision is for Brookwood to continue to have a spirit-filled leadership and be a Bible-based church with sound messages that meet the people's needs. We need to have a strong emphasis on faith and prayer and worship services which allow people to experience God's presence and renew their commitment to obey and serve Him.

My relationship with Christ: My relationship with Christ began at 8 years old, watching my mother praying and trusting in God to keep the family together. Her love for Christ stayed with me until April 5, 1994 when I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. My dedication and consistency in spending time with Him every morning has helped me to keep my family together and serve others.

Favorite Bible verse: "... Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9 (NLT)



JASON BERGERON

Current Trustee (2022–2024)

Trustee Nominee 2023

Spouse: Jilly Bergeron.

Children: Three children - Jocelyn, Jeorgia and Jude.

Professional Career: Owner, Bergeron Custom Homes.

Brookwood Member: Since 1998.

Volunteer service at Brookwood: High School Ministry Leader. Community Group Leader. Disaster Relief. Teacher in Phase Conference. Men's Mentor. Feeding the Homeless. ServeFest.

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

Community Group experience: Leader of Bergeron Community 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 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.

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)



CARL KRAUTH

Current Trustee (2022–2024)

Trustee Nominee 2023

Spouse: Sheridan Krauth.

Children: One son—Cade

Professional career: Owner of Proseals USA.

Brookwood member: Since 2011.

Volunteer service at Brookwood: BrookwoodKiDs Pod A Small Group Leader, Traffic Team, Feeding the Homeless Leader, Welcome Team, Auditorium Team, Brookwood Trustee.

Other volunteer experience: Special Friends events.

Community Group experience: Member of Duggar Community Group.

Other church experience: Former member of Mount Bethel United Methodist Church in Marietta GA

My vision for Brookwood: Through service locally and around the world, we Love People.

My relationship with Christ: Peace and freedom come through Christ. Having the Holy Spirit helps me navigate through life. My relationship with Christ strengthens daily through time in prayer or just quiet time spent with God. I had always thought I was saved and knew Christ, but I realized what it meant to have a true relationship with Christ later in life when I joined a community group at Brookwood. Christ gave His life for me, and all my sins and I owe my life and how I live it to Him.

Favorite Bible verse: *Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand.*
Colossians 3:1 (NLT)



CHUCK CHURCH

Current Trustee (2021–2023)

Trustee Nominee 2023

Spouse: Kirsten Church.

Children: Three children—Brendan, Kelsea and Alex and five grandchildren.

Professional Career: Operator of Chick-fil-A Woodruff Road.

Brookwood Member: Since 2003.

Volunteer service at Brookwood: Essentials Spiritual Director and Coach, Adult Discipleship Leadership Training, Men's Mentoring, Brookwood Trustee, Auditorium Team, Watcher's Prayer Team, Men's Connecting Point Table Leader.

Other volunteer experience: Past President of Spartan West Rotary Club and Paul Harris Fellows, Past President of American Electroplaters and Surface Finishers Society, Past Board Member of National Association of Metal Finishers.

Community Group experience: Participant in Advancing Men Community Group and Kingdom Men Community Group.

Other church experience: Former member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Greer.

My vision for Brookwood: I'm confident that God's plan is far superior to any vision or plan that I could develop. So, my plan is to continuously seek God's vision and plan for our church and to be faithful and obedient in following His perfect plan. I'm excited to see all that God has in store as we continue to grow closer in our love for Him and others, while living like Jesus!

My relationship with Christ: My relationship with Christ is so precious and important to me! I love spending time with my gracious heavenly Father, staying in continuous conversation with Him throughout the day, joining Him where He's at work. I'm so humbled and grateful for the life giving gift of salvation, that Jesus shed His sacred blood for us all... to forgive us forever so we can spend eternity with Him. It's also extremely important to me to share this awesome "Good News" with others, so they can experience and live the abundant life with Him forever.

Favorite Bible verse: *And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them.*

Romans 8:28 (NLT)



JUDY OLSON

Current Trustee (2021–2023)

Trustee Nominee 2023

Children: Two children—Jennifer and Shane and one grandchild.

Professional Career: Retired from Greenville County Clerk of Court: Jury Coordinator; Greenville Chamber of Commerce: Program Manager.

Brookwood Member: Since 1999.

Volunteer service at Brookwood: Care Ministries (Counselor, Care Connection Room, Sunday Morning Prayer Group), Community Group Leader, Women's Prayer Team.

Other volunteer experience: BMW Golf Tournaments, Adopt-a-Highway, Business Women's Golf Network, Fall for Greenville, Created an Adopt-a-Grandparent Program at previous church, HOA Board Member.

Community Group experience: Table Leader for Alive Large Group, co-leader of Monday Morning Women's Community Group.

Other church experience: Women's Ministry Retreats, Singles Retreats, participated in two Mission Trips, Prayer Room, Mentor, Choir, Singles Ministry, Church-wide community service projects.

My vision for Brookwood: To continue to be the church of God's people, the workers in the harvest, to help bring as many others to our God of salvation who's names will be written in the Lamb's Book of Life through loving God and loving people just as they are.

My relationship with Christ: I accepted Lord late in life after realizing He was what I was missing for complete happiness and peace in this life. I am humbled and privileged that God created me and chose me to be His child, who sent His son to forgive and forget my sins, making me worthy to receive Jesus Christ as my Lord, Light and Salvation, my Father in Heaven who loves me more than life itself. I know I will spend eternity with my Savior, meanwhile striving to live His promises every day of my life, working to bring others to know Jesus Christ just as I do.

Favorite Bible verse: *"This is My command—be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."*

Joshua 1:9 (NLT)

2023 Advisory Team

Pastors

Perry Duggar, Senior Pastor
Bryan Jones, Senior Pastor Elect
Joshua J. Masters, Associate Pastor
J.C. Thompson, Associate Pastor
Gene Beckner, Care Pastor
Mike Hepola, Outreach Pastor
Brantley Smith, Worship Pastor

Trustees

(Pending approval by church member vote December 11)

New Nominee - Mike Clark (2023-2025)
New Nominee - Robert Dennis (2023-2025)
Current - Jason Bergeron (2022-2024)
Current - Carl Krauth (2022-2024)
Current - Chuck Church (2021-2023)
Current - Judy Olson (2021-2023)
Emeritus - Jerry Frye



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