

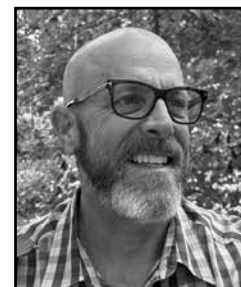
Allen and his wife, Brenda, have five children; two are “homemade” (Martha and Joseph) and three are “heart-made” (Bella and Timmy from Ethiopia), and their son, Chris.

Allen started Community Heights Church in Claypool Hill, VA, and continued to pastor that congregation for 25 years. He then joined the staff of Highlands Fellowship as Maturity Pastor before becoming Lead Pastor in 2012.

He is a passionate communicator, teacher, and leader convinced that the best way to share the gospel is to do so plainly and simply. Allen is passionate about investing in the next generation. He believes that equipping others with leadership skills will prepare them to be game changers in their own communities.

John Sawyer (Minister), to serve a first term

In mid-career John Sawyer sensed God’s calling to vocational ministry in 2006. His current role is with Bon Air Baptist Church, where he serves as the James River Campus Pastor. He holds a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from Averett University and a Masters in Ministry Leadership from Portland Seminary at George Fox University.



John’s recent involvement with the BGAV involved chairing the Committee on Christian Life.

John’s desire to reach people with the life changing good news of Jesus has gone beyond the traditional church paradigm. In 2009, John began working with Dr. Peter Scazzero from Emotionally Healthy Discipleship. This has led to John training and equipping pastors from all around the world to implement the Emotionally Healthy Discipleship Courses in a number of denominations and cultures.

In 2014, John founded Bridging RVA, a nonprofit with a mission to connect individuals, groups and causes to advance common good in local communities. The work of Bridging RVA has significantly impacted the lives of thousands of people in the Richmond Area.

Pete Wills (Layperson), to serve a second term

Pete Wills is a lifelong resident of Louisa County, and graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech). He has maintained his own CPA practice in Charlottesville for over 40 years.



Pete has been a member of Mechanicsville Baptist Church in the Goshen Association for over 60 years. During that time, he has served as a Sunday school teacher, deacon, member of the Stewardship Committee, and moderator. He has supported the Goshen Association, serving on the Association Council for a number of years as moderator, and has served on several search committees for Directors of Missions.

He has actively supported Virginia Baptists representing Mechanicsville Baptist Church as a messenger to the annual meeting for many years and served on the former Virginia Baptist Mission Board.

Pete and Mary Holley Wills have been married for over 40 years. They have no children but lots of nieces and nephews.

ELECTION OF VIRGINIA BAPTIST EXECUTIVE BOARD CHAIR

Brooke Blake (M), Associate Pastor of Youth and Mission at Memorial Baptist Church, currently serving on the Executive Board, term to expire 2022.

