

I was richly blessed to have grown up in a Christian home with loving and hardworking parents who modeled their faith to the best of their understanding in daily service to our family and community. While I recall always attending a church on Sunday mornings and participating in children's programs, we attended a variety of denominational churches with a primary leaning towards the Baptist community. I was convicted of my need for Jesus as my savior and was baptized during the summer of 1977 at the age of 12 years old.

My life and faith took a huge step forward when God brought Janice into my life. We met one year after I became a Christian, but did not start dating until the end of our senior year in high school. After we both graduated from Purdue University, we were married in December 1987. Janice was raised in a New Testament Christian Church since she was a newborn baby. We have been blessed by the humble and Godly influence of her parents who have served in every possible capacity within the church and continue to serve. It was this foundation that produced the solid and unshakeable foundation of faith in Janice that has been the cornerstone of our marriage, as I have strived to mature in my faith each day.

Janice and I are blessed to be the parents of two Godly men. Both Justin and Kyle gave their lives to Christ at an early age and have been a true motivating force and example of Christian servants to our family and their circle of friends. Justin graduated from Vanderbilt University as a Mechanical Engineer in May 2013 and tragically died in a work-related accident in May 2014. Through this tragedy, our thirst for heaven has deepened and our focus has sharpened to love others into an eternal relationship with Christ. Kyle graduated from Vanderbilt University in May 2017 with a degree in Biomedical Engineering and is currently in medical school. Kyle is a source of pure inspiration as he not only uses the gifts that God has given him to achieve excellence and serve others, but also as he continues to mature as a Christian leader and mentor with a clear focus on living out The Great Commission in Matthew 28.

Our family has been blessed to belong and serve at New Hope since we moved to Zionsville in 2000. As a family, we have served in a variety of capacities including children's ministry, student ministry, worship, missions, VBS, community outreach, disciple group leadership, and church leadership. Each opportunity to serve has been a genuine blessing, allowing us to see Christ working through others for His glory. We look forward to serving as we are called to make disciples and reach the individuals that God brings into our lives, this local body of believers, our community, this country, and the world. May God bless you richly in an eternal relationship through the salvation he has given by the life, sacrifice, and resurrection of his son, Jesus Christ. We are blessed.

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:37-39

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