



New Hope Christian Church

Disciples Making Disciples

My wife, Helen, and I have been members of New Hope Church for over 20 years. Church and service to God have been an integral part of our nearly 49 years of married life. Local congregations varied because of where our home was at the time, but that was where we reached out to become part of a new community. We have lived in West Virginia, Ohio, and now Indiana. Over the years we have ministered together in numerous functions. We currently serve together as coordinators of our "First Impressions" greeter ministry at New Hope. I have served as an elder at New Hope a couple of times, took a sabbatical, and began serving again in 2015. Helen and I have worked together in our family and personal life, our ministries, and our chosen business vocation. We complement each other's strengths and weaknesses and have had a great life together.

We own 3 Culligan Water Conditioning dealerships in Boone, Clinton and Putnam Counties in Indiana; purchasing our first one in 1993. We have three grown children and nine grandchildren. One daughter, Terri, her husband and four children live in the Cincinnati, OH area. Another daughter, Angie, her husband and two children live in the New Orleans area. Our son, Craig, his wife and three children live here locally in Lebanon. The grandparent opportunity has made our life extremely fulfilling as well. It's exciting to be able to "spoil" them and send them home for mom and dad to deal with.

In addition to the ministries noted, I lead a midweek discipleship group and am the forwarding agent for our local Living Link Missionary, Glen Russell serving in Panama.

It is an exciting time at New Hope as we see the community expand and develop around us and realize that God has placed us here for such a time as this to be His hands and feet in this community. It will be interesting to see how He can use New Hope and we who serve here to further the Kingdom in coming years.

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