## **Brookside Church Elder Board**

## BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name: Andy Halperin

Family: (wife and children): Kate (wife), Sophie (13), Leah (10), Will (8), Nora (5)

Occupation: Director of Corporate Communications, Mutual of Omaha

Number of years at Brookside Church: 30

## Personal testimony:

I feel very fortunate to have grown up in a home with two loving parents who taught me and modeled for me what life with Jesus looks like. While I grew up understanding basic truths about God and attending church, I was about 9 when I remember first truly understanding the gospel and putting my full faith in Jesus as my Savior and Lord. My family started attending Brookside Church my freshman year in high school, which was a game changer for my relationship with Jesus. It was then that my faith became deeply personal as I was discipled by some amazing leaders who invested in me and encouraged me to step out of my comfort zone and truly seek and trust Jesus with all aspects of my life. After high school, I attended college at TCU, where I got involved in campus ministries and saw God work in some powerful ways. That's when I met my wife, Kate, who has been an incredible partner, sharpening me and spurring me on in my faith. Our family has found a church home at Brookside where we continue to be inspired by the mission to help people find and follow Jesus.

## Ministries:

Over my time at Brookside, I've been a leader in the high school youth group, led small groups and served on the tech team on Sunday mornings. Kate and I currently volunteer in the Kids Ministry, teaching and leading small groups on Sunday mornings and helping with Brookside Kids Camp. Outside of Brookside, I've served on the Board of Directors for the Omaha Street School, a faith-based non-profit organization that serves at-risk youth in our community.