

I grew up a church that never taught the Bible. When I went to college a friend asked me to go to a Bible Study. I said, "What that? Only clergy can understand the Bible." I was hooked after one Bible discussion. I admitted I was a sinner, asked Jesus to lead my life and suddenly I could understand the Bible! I joined a Bible Study every night of the week because I was so hungry for God's truth.

A turning point in my life occurred when I decided to turn down a lucrative engineering job one summer so I could be trained to lead the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship ministry on my college campus. I didn't know how I was going to pay for the next year of college since I depended on my summer income to pay for my college education. God miraculously provided and I have never turned back!!

After graduating from college in Electrical Engineering, I attended Dallas Theological Seminary. While leading a college age ministry, I decided to go into full-time ministry. I served seven years as a Children's and College Pastor and seven years as a senior pastor in Texas. I came to California and served as a Senior Pastor in Orange County for 19 years. We had the joy of watching God grow our church from 300 to 2,300 during that time.

One day a friend asked me to apply for the Senior Pastor position at Valley Christian Fellowship in Solvang. I said I wasn't interested in changing ministries. When I kept declining his offer for the next six months, he asked if I would do a practice interview with the church to give the search team experience interviewing candidates. I agreed to help my friend. I was so impressed with the search team that I agreed to become a candidate. I began ministry at VCF in January 2007. In 8 years we have seen the church grow from 80 to 450.

My oldest son, Chris, is the Regional Vice-President of Kids Around the World, a mission organization that builds playgrounds in third world countries. They have brought the gospel and hope to children in places like North Korea, Afghanistan, Cuba, and the West Bank of Israel. My second son, Jonathan, is a pastor in Los Angeles and my youngest son, Zachary, is getting his degree in Pastoral Counseling at Trinity Seminary in Chicago. My wife is a professor of Fashion Merchandising at the University of California at Long Beach.

I love ministering in the Santa Ynez Valley. My passion is to provide practical bible teaching with dynamic worship and authentic small groups so everyone in our valley can become fully devoted followers of Christ and glorify God.