



Tammy and I met at the University of Texas at Austin through our involvement with CRU. We were discipled and discipled others while we were there and knew then that in some way, shape, or form we wanted to disciple men and women when we graduated. After graduating and getting married, we moved to Texarkana, where I worked as an engineer at a paper mill. We loved leading small group Bible studies of my co-workers and couples from church and sensed God calling us to get equipped for a lifetime of ministry at Dallas Theological Seminary. While finishing seminary, I worked as a college pastor at a church in Fort Worth.

We connected with Pine Ridge through the placement center at DTS in January 2003 and the rest is history. I told the placement director that I wanted to teach through the Bible verse-by-verse and he told me about a church in rural Michigan that was looking for a pastor to do just that. It felt like a match made in heaven and I guess it was! We moved here in July 2003 with Natalie, Nathan, and Nolan. Each of them was born in a different Texas town (Natalie-Texarkana, Nathan-Dallas, & Nolan-Fort Worth) months before we found ourselves moving. We have not had any more children since then and we have stayed put for the last 14 years!

We have loved raising our kids in a rural community. I still have pinch myself every once and a while when I realize that I live outside a town that only has one stop light. Tammy and I love to travel, read, go to track meets and plays, and Michigan summers. Although I am not as active as I once was, evidenced by two back surgeries, I hope to waterski soon when the ice melts off Michigan lakes.