

Getting to know
the Carters

Meet Kelly & Robin



Kelly starts as our incoming senior minister Oct 1

Kelly left Abilene Christian University in March 1982 to work as Youth Minister for the 37th and Atlantic Church of Christ in Long Beach, California. After a wonderful time of ministry and preparation, Kelly and Robin left Long Beach in **September 1986** so that Kelly could serve as the **Preaching Minister here at Shelbourne Street**, where he **served until August 2001**. After a time in Dallas while Kelly worked on a Ph.D. in Systematic Theology, Robin and Kelly moved to Calgary to serve with the Calgary Church of Christ. **Prior to coming back to Victoria he has been at the Calgary Church for seventeen years as their Lead Minister.**

Get to know more about Kelly & Robin inside...



Robin was born in Oregon

in Hood River, which is on the Columbia river, about ninety kilometres east of Portland. She was one of four children born to Jack and Theresa Smith, both of whom were raised in Churches of Christ. In high school Robin's family moved to Albany, OR where Jack became an Elder at the Hill Street Church of Christ, and Robin and her siblings became part of the youth group.

After high school Robin attended Columbia Christian College in Portland, and then worked for a couple of years as an Administrative Assistant before she and Kelly together went to Texas and Abilene Christian University. Robin finished her third year of university and then sacrificially worked full time after she and Kelly married before her fourth year of university.

After Kelly and Robin moved to Long Beach, CA in 1982, when Robin wasn't helping Kelly in Youth Ministry she was the Administrative Assistant and bookkeeper for the church's pre-school. Son, Adam was born in 1983.

Once the Carters were in Victoria, Robin soon gave birth to Ryan, and she was eventually a working mom, serving as a teaching assistant at Cross Roads Christian School for about seven years. **In the church she taught Sunday school, taught at VBS, taught at Spruston Road Bible Camp, and enjoyed life in the church.** In 1993 she became Meghan's mother, with her role as a mother and now grandmother being one of the most joyful and meaningful aspects of her life.

When Kelly and Robin moved to Dallas in 2001 Robin took a position in the accounting department of an aerospace outfitting and refurbishment company that overhauled and repaired jet aircraft, working on government military and private planes. This set the course for the rest of Robin's working career, as she has now been in accounts payable and receivable for over twenty years, including seventeen years with Eagle Copters in Calgary.

In the Calgary Church of Christ Robin taught Sunday School for fifteen years, helped Kelly host a Life Group for about twelve years, and has (in Kelly's words) always been the perfect, humble, loving, sweet Preacher's wife.

With their move to Victoria, Robin intends to be largely retired and is looking forward to activating some dormant hobbies, serving in the church, and visiting her grandchildren!

Like Robin, Kelly was born in Oregon

(Bend) just east of the Cascade Mountains. He is one of three children and is a fraternal twin. As a child his family moved to Albany, OR in the middle of the Willamette Valley, about 70 miles from the Pacific Ocean and about 70 miles south of Portland. Although his family was loving and close, it was filled with some ups and downs, with Kelly's mother passing away with Leukemia when he was nine. He and his two sisters gained a step-mother when his father remarried when Kelly was in grade seven. Kelly's upbringing was not church focused, with his parents being what could be called nominal Catholics. Occasionally they went to church.

As a teen Kelly was almost always out of the home, keeping very busy with athletic activities and just hanging around with a great group of friends. In summer 1973 he was invited to a Bible Camp in the coastal mountains and was blessed with the opportunity to hear of the love of Christ. He was baptized at camp on August 12, 1973, the same evening that he met Robin! While attending the Hill Street Church of Christ in Albany Kelly was very active in the youth group and served in the church's successful bus ministry.

After his third year of university, **Kelly and Robin were married on summer break from ACU in August, 1979, and they have lived a blessed, fun-filled, incredibly rewarding forty-four years of married life together.**

Adam was born in 1983 in Long Beach; he and his family live in Little Rock, AR where Adam manages the fitness centre at the University of Arkansas teaching hospital. He and Stephanie have three boys. Ryan was born in Victoria in 1986 at Vic General. He is a nurse working in the Dallas area (McKinney, TX) and he and Jessica have been blessed with a daughter and son. Meghan was adopted from Zambia at two years-old in 1993. She will remain in Calgary, working at Starbucks and taking care of the house Kelly and Robin will continue to own.

Kelly is an avid runner, hunter, fisherman and in the past had a successful time coaching baseball (some of you will remember the summer of 1999 and Kelly and Ryan representing Victoria at the Little League World Series).



Kelly's education

Upon graduation from **High School in Albany**, where Kelly had received honours for outstanding achievement in math, science, and athletics, he attended **Linfield College** in McMinnville, Oregon. Two years later Kelly transferred to Abilene Christian University (Abilene, TX). By that time he and Robin had started dating and had become serious, travelling to Texas to attend school together.



At **ACU** he received, in 1980, the B.S. in Psychology, graduating Summa Cum Laude, and he was an NAIA All-American for the ACU track team. He was for two years a graduate assistant of Paul Faulkner. Kelly also holds the M.A. in Bible-Doctrinal Studies (Theology) from Abilene Christian University, having worked closely with Thomas Olbricht and Everett Ferguson.



He has studied at **Fuller Theological Seminary**, and he holds the M.Div. from **Regent College** in Vancouver, B.C. Upon Kelly's graduation from Regent College it was recognized that he ranked second in his M.Div. graduating class.



From September 2001-May 2006 Kelly was a full-time Ph.D. student in Systematic Theology at **Southern Methodist University**, studying with Drs. Bruce Marshall and William Abraham. Kelly completed his Ph.D. in 2012, writing on The Trinity in the Stone-Campbell Movement, which was subsequently published by ACU Press under the same title.



Come welcome the Carters
at a potluck lunch Oct 15

Kelly will be preaching Oct 1