



Trustees 2017

Now the overseer is to be above reproach, faithful to his wife, temperate, self -controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him, and he must do so in a manner worthy of full respect.

1 Timothy 3:2-4

Jim Anders



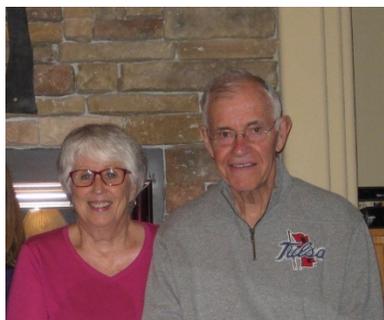
I was raised in suburban New Jersey and attended college in New York State at Cornell University. After working in New York, California, and New Jersey, my family and I moved to Colorado Springs, eighteen years ago. I worked for twenty-eight years with ARAMARK in their Parks and Resorts Division and currently am a realtor with Cherry Creek Properties. My wife, Pam, and I have been married for thirty-eight years. We have three children, Katie, Karen (Looney), and Jonathan; two granddaughters, Haley and Charlotte Alex; a son-in-law, Jim Looney (Karen's husband), two grandsons Owen and Harley Looney; a daughter-in-law, Holly Anders, and a third grandson Callum

Anders. Katie and her daughters live in the Springs and attend FOR. Jim, Karen, Harley, and Owen live in Vancouver, Washington. Jon, Holly and Cal live in Lubbock, Texas. Holly (Hendricks) is a former intern at FOR.

I grew up attending an Episcopal church in New Jersey. As an adult, my family and I attended mainly Presbyterian churches. While in New Jersey, I served as an Elder in our church. Thirteen years ago, we started attending FOR. While I was baptized as an infant, eleven years ago, I was again baptized at FOR and shortly thereafter, I became a member.

I have had the opportunity to serve as a Trustee, on the FOR Building Committee, the FOR NOW! Campaign, the Heritage of Praise and Fountain start-ups, SLS, and a Deacon. I firmly believe in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and the vision and values of FOR. I look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve my Lord as a Trustee at Fellowship of the Rockies.

Ralph Bohannon



I grew up in a small town in central Louisiana, and even though my mother began taking my brother and I to a Methodist church in my early teens, I didn't understand repentance and salvation through Christ. I met Jimmie, my wife to be, the first day she arrived at LA. Tech University. She introduced me to the Baptist Student Union on campus and a local Baptist church very close to campus. Those BSU students "loved me" into their midst and I accepted Christ at 21 years of age.

We have two children, Kelli and Mitch; both families live in separate areas of Louisiana. We also have 7 grandchildren, the oldest grandson has gone to be with the Lord, one granddaughter is graduating from University, one grandson is graduating with a Technical Associates degree, and 2 more are beginning their college journey. The last two grandsons will finish high school in 2017 and 2018. The first 15 years of marriage we lived in Dallas and Houston, Texas. We have been in Colorado Springs for the past 38 years, where I have retired from the semiconductor industry after a career of 40 years. We began attending Fellowship of the Rockies in the spring of 2006 and have been immensely blessed with the sense of community, faithfulness, and friendship of our congregation. Jimmie and I are both thankful for God's leading and directing our paths to FOR.

Jim Brummett



I am a Colorado native raised in the Episcopal Church with no Bible teaching and no emphasis on a personal relationship with Christ. After college and graduate school, I drifted away from church and was busy with my career and family. It was not until my early 30's when my marriage and my business failed in the same year that I was drawn back to God. After a life changing dinner conversation with a completed Jewish believer, I began a serious journey of seeking Christ through Bible reading and prayer. In spite of my years of neglect, our faithful God met me where I was and revealed Christ in a way that would not allow me to deny Him any longer. Christ came into my life and changed me forever.

After eight years as a single dad, God brought Nancy and I together and this July we will celebrate our 29th wedding anniversary. We have four married children and twelve grandchildren in our blended family. Fellowship of the Rockies has been our church home for over 11 years now. My personal passion is helping seekers look at scripture for the first time. I believe one of the main purposes of church is to “equip the saints for the work of service” outside the church walls (Ephesians 4:11-12) and it excites me to see that FOR is committed to that end.

Matt Cook



I grew up in the far northern suburbs of Chicago with parents who consistently modeled how to live as a Christian. I thank God often for a family who loves God and prays for me. I have attended a variety of evangelical Bible believing churches, mostly of the Baptist variety. My parents always made clear to my sister and I the importance of regularly attending a local church, and serving where led. It was also my parents who instilled in me a passionate belief in the value of small groups.

I met my wife, Susie, at Cedarville University in Cedarville, OH. I was studying electrical engineering and she was studying elementary education. We got married before our senior year, and had our first son a year and a half later in Pasadena, CA, where we lived while I continued my engineering studies at USC. After finishing school there, we moved back to Chicagoland, and had three more sons. We moved to Colorado Springs in 2013, and began attending Fellowship of the Rockies in August of that year. Since becoming members at FOR, I've had the opportunity to serve a few different ways: I've helped at AWANA, led small groups, and led the Connect Gatherings. Susie has similarly enjoyed serving, on FOR staff leading the women's ministry, helping out in Sunday School, and hosting our small group at our home.

Dick Fisher



My name is Richard Fisher but everyone calls me “Dick.” I became a Believer in Jesus Christ when I was seven years old. I felt God was calling me to full time ministry when I was saved but it was 20 years later before I submitted to that call.

I married Mary in 1965. In 1970, with a wife and two lovely daughters, we moved from California to Salem, Oregon to attend Bible College. In 1974, after graduation from Bible College; I began Seminary in Portland, Oregon. In 1975, during my first year in seminary, I was called to be Associate Pastor at Bethel Baptist Church in Aumsville, Oregon, and served there for eight and a half years. I completed my seminary training while pastoring at Bethel. In 1983, God called me to become Senior pastor at First Baptist Church in Junction City, Oregon and I served there for almost nine years. Then God called me back to Bethel Baptist to be senior pastor for the next fifteen years.

I retired at the end of 2007 and in July of 2008 we moved to Colorado Springs to be near our youngest daughter, Carolyn and her family and began attending Fellowship of the Rockies by the fall of 2008. When the decision was made to begin a new campus in Fountain, we signed on as we live just two and a half miles from the Fountain Campus. The highlight of 2014 was officiating at my oldest granddaughter’s wedding on July 12, 2014. Then I was able to officiate at Tori and Matt’s wedding in September of 2016. Tori is my next oldest granddaughter. Many of you may know her; she is the oldest daughter of Carolyn Erchinger who is my youngest daughter. Matt was the worship leader at the Fountain campus.

Brian Fitzpatrick



My religious journey began in Portland, Oregon where I attended a Presbyterian Church. I was involved with the youth group and attended church summer camps. I attended West Point where I met my wife, Celeste, in 1974 and we will celebrate our 40th Wedding Anniversary on March 26, 2017. Celeste and I enjoyed a career in the U.S. Army which brought us to Colorado Springs twice, retiring here in January 2003. During our marriage, we attended the Catholic Church.

We have been attending Fellowship of the Rockies since 2009. I always felt that I was a believer and that we must rely on God. We have served as premarital mentors for couples planning marriage, greeters and taught the Love and Respect Class. Engaging in small groups has helped us to grow spiritually at FOR. We have 4 children, 3 sons-in-law’s and 11 grandchildren, ranging in age from 7 months to 8 years. I am looking forward to serving as a Trustee at Fellowship of the Rockies in our amazing community of believers.

David Hooks



I was born in San Antonio, Texas, and graduated from Baylor University with a BBA in Accounting and then from The University of Texas School of Law. My wife, Robin, and I met at Baylor during my senior year and were married in 1993. After working as a corporate attorney for a couple of years in Dallas, Texas, we moved back to San Antonio and became small business owners.

At that time, we also became members of Grace Point Church (Southern Baptist); and although Robin and I had both been baptized as infants in the Presbyterian and Episcopal churches respectively, we were both overjoyed to be immersed in baptism as followers of Christ. Our first responsibility in our early years at Grace Point was leading the Young Married Adult ministry. I also soon began serving as a Deacon and then an Elder before being asked to serve as the Executive Pastor. I served in this capacity for nearly four years and then returned full time to my business efforts. I continued teaching and leading in Sunday morning Bible studies until July 2006, when we decided to move to Colorado Springs.

We joined another church and then decided it was too far from home for our four boys (Palmer, Steven, Kevin, and Brian) to be involved in the youth group. We came to Fellowship of the Rockies in July 2014 and have been very pleased to serve and worship in our new community ever since. Since then our boys have become regulars with everything offered by the youth department and Robin and I have enjoyed participating in Sunday morning Bible studies. In 2015, our two oldest boys went on the mission trip to Juarez Mexico with Casas por Cristo, and in 2016, our entire family served together on the same mission trip.

Robin and I have each prioritized our life in the church and our relationship with Jesus Christ. We consider the salvation of each of our children among God's greatest blessings. We believe the church is the hope of the world through which God will deploy us to love people and bring them to faith in Jesus Christ. What an honor it is to join God in this work, and what a privilege to serve as a Trustee at Fellowship of the Rockies! Thank you for considering me to serve in this role.

Misti Johnston



I was raised in Colorado Springs in a loving Christian family. I have two older sisters, a younger brother, and parents who raised us to know Christ as our Savior. I was baptized by my dad when I was twelve years old, and I have walked with Christ ever since. I met my husband, Rob, in 1988 and we have been married for 26 years and have four wonderful children. In 2000, our daughter Emily passed away at the age of five. This was a difficult time for Rob and I, but God was faithful to walk us through this time and mend our broken hearts.

We came to Fellowship of the Rockies about 12 years ago, and found a safe place to connect with others, grow in our faith, and raise our children. I am a middle school math teacher and volleyball coach. I have served in the Children's Ministry here at FOR for many years and am excited to serve as a Trustee and see how God will use me in this capacity.

Ryan McCallister



I was fortunate to grow up in a home that believed in God and attended church on a regular basis. This is where I developed my foundation for learning who God was and that Jesus died for my sins. As a Sophomore in College in 2001, I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. At this time, I was filled with the Holy Spirit, but I still lacked a true sanctification or growth period with the Lord. For the next five years, I struggled with who I was and what my relationship with God was supposed to look like. The choices I made were of the world and left me with a feeling of emptiness. In the spring of 2006, I came to the conclusion that in order for me to attain true joy, I needed to prioritize my faith.

That July, I met my wife, Krista. We committed that our relationship would have Christ as our foundation and would make life decisions based on scripture. She has been instrumental in my growth in the Lord and I strive to love her as Christ loves the church.

We have been blessed with four wonderful children, Luke (8), Madeline (6), Griffin (3 1/2) and our new little baby Titus (6 months)! Being a father has increased my desire to grow in Jesus and set a good example for our children. It has also helped me understand the tremendous sacrifice God made by sending His Son to die for each and every one of us.

We have found our church home in Fellowship of the Rockies and have been attending for ten years. Krista and I currently serve with the AWANA ministry and have served in the high school youth group for two years previously. This is my second term as a trustee. I was involved with the multi-site expansion to Fountain through Vision Next. We look forward to raising our family here and serving at FOR.

Shelly Peterson



I grew up in a Christian home in a small Southern Missouri town. My Dad was (and still is) a deacon and led the youth group and music ministry. My Mom led the Women's ministry and served by leading young girl/women studies for many years. She was also very active in music ministry. My music background stems from their guidance and "push" to get involved at a very early age. I was at church every time the doors were open! But, little did I realize (because I KNOW that I was taught, but didn't always listen) the importance of having a close and personal relationship with Christ.

Fast forward many years to my early 30's after being married and teaching Elementary Music for about 10 years. My world came crashing down when my husband of 10 years decided to take a different path in life. I was at such a low point in my life and knew (thanks to the teachings from my childhood and much encouragement from my parents) that laying it all at the Feet of Jesus was the only way I could dig my way out of this pit. I was surrounded by such great support from family and friends. Even though I was a part of another congregation and worship ministry in town, Pastor Harlan (who was then my Superintendent), Pastor Stew and Kristi (who were amazing parents and a co-worker in my building) were offering such encouragement and much needed prayer!

A few years later, I met my husband, Steve, who had been through a similar situation but was raising two daughters. We were married (by Pastor Stew) and soon after, began attending Fellowship of the Rockies. Steve and I have been happily married for 7 ½ years and have been a part of the FOR community for the past 6 years. We love FOR and are thankful for its ministry and outreach in the community! I am excited to see what God has in store!

Corrie Walker



I was blessed to live in a home where Christ was the center and foundation of our lives. This is where I began to learn about living a life that glorifies God. Although I lived in a Christian home, I had not accepted Christ as my Savior. After graduating from high school, I attended a Christian University. There I met my wife and accepted Jesus as my Savior in March 1996. After college, I volunteered for active service in the United States Army. This led my wife and me on a fun filled adventure of traveling the world and the U.S. In 2007, we were assigned to Fort Carson. After visiting too many churches, we discovered Fellowship of the Rockies in July 2008. We have been attending since our first visit. After separating from the Army, we moved to Fountain.

God's timing is perfect. FOR began exploring the idea of multi-site campuses. The campus site is approximately 3 miles from our house.

Since joining FOR, we have continuously been involved in children's and adult ministries. I help facilitate a Men's Small Group as well as serve our church as a Trustee. Elizabeth serves in AWANA and supports the Fountain Women's Ministry. Our children, Faith (6) and Julian (11) love FOR, and the opportunities this community of believers provides for spiritual growth. Outside of church, I work as a Middle School Administrator.