



Trustees 2018

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

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 graduated from college teaching her second year English in Louisiana, one grandson finished technical school, one grandson is at University of Tulsa, a grandson and granddaughter are both in college and the last grandson is graduating from high school this year. 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.

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.

Brian Farrell



I grew up in a small town southwest of Houston Texas. My parents were members of the Methodist church there. We went to church fairly regularly in my younger years, but attended more sporadically in my teenage years.

I met my wife Lyn, the summer before I went off to Texas A&M as a freshman. We dated throughout the first three years of my college career and were married in 1974 while both attending A&M.

Lyn's family was very committed to Christ, as her Dad was a Minister of Education at several churches over the years and was headmaster of Christian schools that he helped start. They were a loving family and I attribute a lot of my Christian growth to them.

After college we moved back to Houston. We started attending a Baptist church there and at a point in 1978, I decided that all the uncertainty about my relationship with Jesus needed to be settled. I made a conscious commitment to the Lord and was baptized.

Lyn and I were fortunate to be mentored for many years by a couple in that church and I attribute much of my growth as a husband, father and church leader to them. I served as a deacon and elder in that church until the Lord showed us it was time to move to a new place. We served in two other churches over the next few years. We have served, ministering to young married couples and older adults in the churches we have attended.

I had been a general contractor in Houston for 25 years before moving here. Lyn is a consultant in the banking industry. We decided to move to Colorado Springs and retire after visiting here a few times. We moved here in June 2015 and started building our house. I have been acting as the general contractor on it with the help of a local contractor. Lyn continues to travel, consulting and speaking at conferences.

We started visiting FOR in the fall of 2015 and decided the Lord wanted us to establish our membership at FOR. We moved into our new house in November of 2017 and just celebrated our 43rd anniversary.

We have 5 children. Four have graduated from college, and our last should graduate this summer. We now have 3 grandchildren and have really been blessed by our children and grandchildren. We look forward to serving where God wants us to serve at FOR.

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.

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 19 months to 9 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 28 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 13 years ago, and found a safe place to connect with others, grow in our faith, and raise our children. I serve in the Children's Ministry here at FOR and lead the *Mom's Connect* Bible Study in Fountain. I am excited to serve as a Trustee and see how God will use me in this capacity.

Harry Kincaid



I was born and raised in El Paso, Texas in a strong Christian family of Southern Baptists. I accepted Christ as a young child but truly experienced the Spirit at the age of 26. I met my wife, Connie, at our first church we attended where we were married in 1964. We celebrated our 53rd anniversary this year. Connie and I were active in our last two churches spending 20 plus years working with Singles. I was a deacon at both churches, and a trustee at our last church. Connie served as a pastor's assistant for 30 years.

In Texas, I received my undergraduate and graduate degrees in Psychology and Social Work. I completed 30 years with the State of Texas in Child Protection. After retiring from the state, I was a therapist in private practice, worked for 6 years in a Sex Offender rehab program, and was a mediator. We came to Colorado Springs in 2012 to be with our children. Our son Curtis, and his wife Connie, attend Woodman Chapel. Their daughter, Brooke, who attends UCCS attended our church for a time, this year. Our daughter Tamara and her husband Joe (Gameson) attend our church.

When we stepped into FOR 5 years ago, we knew immediately that God had called us to this church. I have been privileged to counsel members of FOR as well as teach a class on Sunday morning along with Connie. Connie and I have been enriched spiritually by this church and enjoy the many new friends we have made. I love to counsel with people and I am especially interested in helping elderly members of our church.

Brian Mayles



I was born and raised in Panama, Central America. My father is British and my mother is American. After graduating high school and attending college in Panama, I came to the United States when I was 21. I retired from the United States Air Force after 22 years and then retired again after 11 years working at the USAFA 10th Medical Group as a civilian nurse.

I grew up in the Episcopal Church and never really had a personal relationship with The Lord. In the spring of 1980, I came to know the Lord and began a personal walk with Him. I met my future wife, Gay Hope, the day I was baptized in June 1980. We were married in January of 1981 and will soon celebrate 37 years of marriage. We have 3 sons, Jonathan (wife, Jillian Arnold), Andrew, and Denys as well as 3 grandchildren, Noah, Caleb and Olivia.

In the early years at FOR, my wife and I served as Sunday school teachers with the youth and more recently I served on the SLS team. I look forward to serving as a Trustee at Fellowship of the Rockies, giving back to the community of believers that have blessed me in many ways over the past 17 years. I pray that God would lead me in a closer walk with Him so that I can be a blessing to others.

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 8 ½ years and have been a part of the FOR community for the past 7 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!

Linda Shelton



I grew up in Oklahoma, the oldest of four children. When I was 12, my sister and I were both saved during a youth revival at the local First Baptist Church. Shortly after that, my family began attending church. However, it wasn't until many years later that I truly understood what it means to feel God's peace in my life.

Willie and I met – and started dating – when I was 16 and he was 17. Five years later, after he graduated from the Air Force Academy, we got married and we have been married for 41 years. I graduated from college a year after we married.

Moving around the country in various military assignments provided me the opportunity to serve in a variety of different churches and work at a variety of jobs. Early in our marriage, we taught youth classes together, and then later I taught children's classes as well as acted as preschool director for a church.

In my professional career, most of my jobs have been in accounting for non-profit organizations. I was the accountant for a large non-denominational church, a Christian relief services corporation, and I worked at a small public accounting firm. I also worked in human resources for a mission organization.

Willie's professional career also provided me the opportunity to work with and mentor military spouses and families.

Life has been quite the adventure. We have two children who are now grown and live on the East Coast. God has also blessed us with two grandchildren. And God has truly blessed me by never leaving my side and showing me His healing power during my struggle with cancer.

We began attending Fellowship of the Rockies six years ago and we feel fortunate to have such a great church home. I am honored to be asked to serve as a trustee.