

I am very grateful for the family God has given me. My wife Kara and I have been married for 21 years. We have two children Noah and Anelise. Praise God! They each believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior.

It is by God's amazing grace that I am standing before you today. I was raised in a Christian home, by a mother and father who both loved the Lord and raised their children to do the same. When I was 5, I learned and began to understand that I was a sinner and needed a savior. It was at an Awana meeting that I prayed with my leader, believing that Jesus was the son of God, who became a man and bore my sins on the cross. We continued to attend church as a family, and I participated in youth group and attended summer camp through my high school years. However, I was 18 when my faith really began to grow. I was on Summer Staff at Hume Lake Christian Camps when God got a hold of my life. You see, after graduation from high school, during my first year at college, I had wandered away from my walk with the Lord. That year was hard for many reasons, but not having a strong personal faith of my own is what made it especially hard. That Summer God showed me that He is the Great Shepherd, and that I could not wander farther than He could reach, nor fall beyond His grasp. Later that Summer He called me to work and serve on the Hume Lake staff, and I have been part of the staff ever since, working here in Fresno this last 8 years.

As a family, we began attending Trinity 5 years ago. God has used this church family to teach us so much about His grace and mercy in our lives. Through the Men's and Women's ministries, my wife and I have grown closer to the Lord which made us closer to each other. My children have been blessed by Trinity's children's and youth ministries and they each have found great friendships, rooted in faith. I am humbled and honored to be nominated to serve as an elder. My desire and commitment is to serve this church family as I have my own family with eagerness and joy. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve and am excited to see what God will continue to do with His church as we continue to trust and follow Him.

To God be all the praise and all the glory for the grace He has given us in salvation, and for the work of sanctification He is continuing to do in each of our lives. Thank you.