

Cheryl Blatchley

BASIC STUFF: I was born here, in Fort Collins, but grew up in Bellvue (just west of Fort Collins). I went to elementary school and junior high in Laporte, graduated from Poudre High School and received a degree from Colorado State University. I met my husband, Tim, in 1986 at a college/career activity at church and we were married in 1988. We have two children, Amanda and Nathan, who are currently active in the youth program. I have worked for Poudre School District over the years and am now the Director of Children's Ministry at First Baptist, since June 2004.

PERSONAL VISION: I hope to continue to be in ministry where children can experience Jesus and grow to be faithful followers of Christ.

EDUCATION: B.S. in *Human Development and Family Studies* with an emphasis in *Early Childhood Education*.

INTERESTS AND FAVORITIES:

Places: I love to travel and experience new places. Though I've never lived outside of Fort Collins, I have loved spending time in the Cayman Islands and Ukraine while doing short-term missions work.

What's on your iPod: My MP3 player has Christian music, soft jazz, and country.

Books: I enjoy reading books by Christian authors such as, Karen Kingsbury, Lori Wick, Terri Blackstock, and Dee Henderson.

Sport Teams: Denver Broncos, Colorado Rockies, and CSU Rams

Movies: *Sound of Music*, *Anna and the King*, *The Notebook*, *Sleepless in Seattle*, *You've Got Mail*, *Mr. Holland's Opus*, *The Lord of the Rings* Trilogy, just to name a few.

Hobbies: I love to read, watch movies, take walks with my husband, window shop, collect snowmen and have coffee with friends.

Dislikes: Political campaigns, negative people, cold weather, and aerobic exercise.

Odd Facts: I have an identical twin sister that lives in Fort Collins. You may have seen her, thinking it was me!

Life Scripture: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10.