

Craig Fortunato

BASIC STUFF:

My wife Rhonda and I moved here in July 2004 to join the team at FBC. We were married in 1995 and have lived in Colorado all our lives. We have three beautiful girls and a 100 pound yellow lab named Otis that keeps our lives full of life!

I love students! I love working with their parents too. I believe youth ministry has become youth and *family* ministry. Repeatedly students state that the #1 influence in their lives is their parents. I love serving the families of First Baptist Church and the families of our community here in Fort Collins, Wellington and Windsor.

PERSONAL VISION: To enjoy God as I enjoy leading and serving people on their spiritual journey to life in Christ.

EDUCATION: B.S. in Human Development and Family Studies with emphasis on Adolescence, Colorado State University, 1994. Additional study at Denver Seminary.

Interests and Favorites

- **Places:** Cancun, Mexico (honeymoon!). Backpacking the Collegiate Mountains. Elk hunting in the San Juan Mountains. Chasing my wife at home and around downtown Fort Collins and Denver.
- **What's on your iPod:** Blues, Jazz and Worship. Repeat offenders are U2, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Miles Davis, David Crowder Band and Starfield.
- **Reading:** Leadership, newspaper, youth culture. Every summer my wife makes me read a fiction book-which is a good thing for her to do.
- **What do you TiVo:** Broncos and Nuggets games. That and Food Network are the only things I watch on TV.
- **Sport Teams:** Broncos; Nuggets; Rockies; CSU Rams; any of the teams my girls play on! I'm a homer.
- **Movies:** I love to carve time out of my schedule to set down at the theater with a bucket of popcorn, Coke and lose my mind for a few hours in a movie! Some of my favorites: Braveheart, Glory, Say Anything, Lord of the Rings trilogy, Gladiator, Tommy Boy, Spaghetti Westerns last but not least, Jeremiah Johnson.
- **Hobbies:** Walks to the park with my family, elk hunting, dating my wife.
- **Dislikes:** I hate carrying a bunch of stuff in both of my hands from my car into my home or office! I don't like a bunch of stuff in my hands/arms while in transition.
- **Odd Facts:** I have had my left knee reconstructed twice. I began diving at age 35 (self coached). I love making mashed potatoes and carving the turkey for Thanksgiving.
- **Life Scripture:** "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." – John 15:5 NIV.