

Jim Giveans

BASIC STUFF:

My wife Erin and I have been married since 2000. We have three children, Grace, Joseph, and Joshua and live in the Old Town area. Erin has lived in Fort Collins since she was three years old and I am a Colorado native and came to Fort Collins in 1995. We have a love/ hate relationship with old houses, our dog, and our cat. We enjoy running, outdoor activities, and art.

I am honored that First Baptist Church has invited me to join the staff. I am excited to encourage the young men and women, who are in a transitional time in there life, to love and identify themselves with Jesus and gain His perspective of life.

PERSONAL VISION: To run the good race on the course God has set for me.

EDUCATION: B.A. in Biology and English (double major), University of Colorado at Boulder

Interests and Favorites

Places: Colorado! It is the greatest state in the Union. Our home is my very favorite place. Just about everything that I dearly love on this planet returns there every night.

What's on your iPod: Maybe at Christmas– Hopefully it will be loaded with Switchfoot, U2, Sara Groves, Jeremy Camp, James Taylor, and anything with great lyrics.

Books: I enjoy books that you have to dig into the underlying meaning. Some of my favorite authors are C.S. Lewis, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry David Thoreau, Victor Hugo, John Eldridge, and Corrie ten Boom.

What do you TiVo: TV isn't on the radar. OK maybe Conan O'Brien if I am awake.

Sport Teams: All Colorado teams- Professional, college, and high school.

Movies: Pretty much anything where the underdog or misfit takes it to the house. Glory; Simon Birch; GATTACA; Jeremiah Johnson; Chariots of Fire; Rudy.

Hobbies: Running, photography, art, and anything outdoors.

Dislikes: Complaining and whining. Please don't it wrecks the environment.

Odd Facts: In my first job out of college I was a medical photographer and got to photograph open heart surgery. My roommate in college was the 2001 National Champion in the marathon. I like Macintosh compared to PCs.

Life Scripture: I have two favorites.

"You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." -Romans 5:6-8 NIV

"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this 'Love your neighbor as your self.' There is no commandment greater than these." -Mark 12:29-31 NIV