

Mark Hanke

### **BASIC STUFF:**

My wife Kerri and I moved here in late 2001 to join the team at FBC. We were married in 1984 and have lived in Colorado and Oregon. Our first date was to a church Valentine banquet. I took Kerri because my roommates drew straws and Kerri won. Really I won. We are long time animal lovers and have four children.

I love the church and long to see it have its best days. There is nothing more exciting than when a church lives for the people who have yet to join it or the Kingdom of God. The deepest friends I have are the ones I have made while on our journey of loving God and loving others.

**PERSONAL VISION:** To passionately enjoy being a child of God and an agent of His grace encouraging people to experience life in Christ.

**EDUCATION:** B.S. in Education, Oregon State University, Masters of Divinity from Denver Seminary. Additional study at Gordon Conwell Seminary.

### **Interests and Favorites**

- **Places:** Anywhere with my wife and kids, mountains and plains for hunting, the beach for relaxing, coffee shops for rich conversations.
- **What's on your iPod:** If I had one—Predominantly Christian Music, Smooth Jazz and New Age, but almost anything that has God glorifying, thoughtful lyrics (I say “almost” to account for cheesy country music, no matter how thoughtful the lyrics are).
- **Books:** Anything on Leadership, Spiritual formation and theology or communication
- **What do you TiVo:** Absolutely nothing--I'm just doing good to watch the news.
- **Sport Teams:** Bronco's; Rockies; Rams; Seahawks and Beavers
- **Movies:** Brian's Song; Bourne movies; Braveheart; Italian Job; or Tommy Boy and Dumb and Dumber when I just want to laugh.
- **Hobbies:** Taking walks with our family, hunting, biking and an occasional round of golf
- **Dislikes:** E-mails with a subject line that begins "FWD", people who live in the past or are negative, prejudice and bullies.
- **Odd Facts:** I love rainy days, I sang with the Carpenters when I was in grade school and had lunch with President Reagan in High school (along with 200 of my not-so-closest friends)
- **Life Scripture:** "And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice - the kind he will accept. When you think of what he has done for you, is this too much to ask? Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect his will really is." - Romans 12:1-2 MSG.