

BASIC STUFF:

Raised in Longmont, I moved to Fort Collins in July 2004 when my wife Bonnie and I were married by Craig Fortunato, FBC's Sr. High Pastor. We spent the previous two years dating/courting, most of that time she was here at CSU while I finished school in Sterling, Kansas. We met working together at a Christian camp near Estes Park, and I told her two weeks after we started dating that I was going to marry her. By something not short of a miracle she wasn't scared off, and to this day she's the best thing that's ever happened to me outside of Christ!

I have known God's call on my life to ministry since early in college, and am thrilled to be a part of such a wonderful congregation and team here at FBC. I love the Church and love to see God work in this world. I will always be thrilled that he chooses us to be his hands and feet! It's especially exciting to see the lives of Jr. High students change as they are chased by a holy and loving God.

PERSONAL VISION: To follow God passionately wherever he may call, stepping out in faith to help bring people home to Christ.

EDUCATION: BA in Religion and Philosophy, Sterling College (Sterling, Kansas); minors in Christian Education and Social Entrepreneurship (non-profit business).

Interests and Favorites

- **Places:** Any adventure with my wife or good friends. Backpacking through the Rockies, canoeing in the Boundary Waters, diving and relaxing in Maui are some of my favorites!
- **What's on your iPod:** Tons of Christmas music, U2, The Counting Crows, Toad The Wet Sprocket, Anberlin, Emery, David Crowder, Leland, Switchfoot, Shane & Shane, Chris Tomlin, Remedy Drive, Nickel Creek, Jason Mraz, and The Fray. There's maybe a little country and a few 80's rock ballads in there somewhere too...
- **Books:** C.S. Lewis, Rob Bell and Donald Miller are my recent endeavors.
- **What do you TiVo:** We use an old-fashioned Video Cassette Recorder (VCR for short), an invention of the late nineteen-hundred and eighties. Typically I barely have time to catch the news... but I'll admit there have been seasons of 24 and American Idol that have gotten a hold of me.
- **Sport Teams:** I'm a Broncos fan through and through. If the bandwagon's going by, I'll hop on with the Rockies, Nuggets or Av's. Go Buffs!
- **Movies:** Gladiator, Brave Heart, the Bourne movies, The Prestige, and The Italian Job are among my favorites. But The Princess Bride will always be at the top of my list!
- **Hobbies:** Hiking, backpacking, mountain biking and walking with my wife. I also enjoy doing photography and wheel-thrown ceramics.
- **Dislikes:** Grey days, inauthentic relationships, passive-aggressive people, and raisins. Not a big fan of coconut either.
- **Odd Facts:** I thrive on awkward situations, I can make my ears wiggle and move my entire scalp with no hands. I once ate dinner with one of China's top ambassadors to South Korea.
- **Life Scripture:** "When I am raised to life again, you will know that I am in my father, and you are in me, and I am in you." John 14:20 NLT