



# FCC Membership Biography

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## *Brian Jara*

I was raised Catholic, first at St. Pascal's Church in St. Paul and then at Guardian Angels Church in Woodbury. During this time I learned of Jesus and knew what He did, but I didn't fully come to the Lord until I was 15 through the church Susan attended, New Life Church of Woodbury. There I learned that knowing Jesus simply isn't what Jesus has required of us, but rather accepting Him as Lord and understanding what He has done for us (by dying and being raised again).

At New Life, the youth pastor (Randy Strom), helped me understand the base principles of what Jesus had done for me. Susan played an important part in getting me to attend that youth group. I see my faith in Christ as more of a journey though as my faith has grown overtime since then.

Jesus has continued to teach me what He wants me to know and has shaped what I consider my testimony today. Which comes down to faith and trust that Jesus is Lord and that He is in control. A while after getting married, Susan and I tried to have kids for about 6 years, during that time we made plans and saw them break time after time, and overtime it became hard for both of us. Little did I know that Jesus knew what was in store. Those 6 years started great, everything seemed to be together, but overtime everything went bad. This started with losing my job in 2011, the next 8 months where a struggle not finding work, until I got a job with Dish Network. But even then, things were tight and growing tighter. It was during this time Christ taught me to relax, lean into Him and pray because He has things under control. While I was starting to panic, He fixed everything. From a job I didn't apply for that shouldn't have hired me, to blessing us with Natalie, to giving us more than we needed. Through this I know He has a plan for me, He is in control over my life, He answers prayers, and I can rest in that.

I'm excited to find out what God has in store for my family and me as I continue my journey growing with Christ. Which has now led us away from the church my wife grew up in, to Faith Community Church in order to serve Christ and the community we live in better.