



# FCC Membership Biography

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## *Laurie Studt*

I grew up in a small town in Northern Wisconsin. I'm grateful that my Mom and Dad made sure that I, along with my four sisters attended and were a part of Sunday school, youth group and church while growing up. Through that, I learned many wonderful Bible stories, songs, and much about the "community" aspect of being a part of the church body. During that time some good seeds were planted, but there was something missing, and I spent some time seeking.

I married my highschool sweetheart and have now been married almost 38 years. Thankfully, Tim committed his life to Christ early in our marriage and soon after that I made a commitment to Christ as well. God's timing was perfect! Shortly after I accepted Christ, our four year old son was diagnosed with Juvenile Diabetes. That was a tough trial for our young family. We were blessed to be surrounded by Christian friends who knew the truth and who walked beside us as we took on the new responsibilities, and guided our son to accept and manage his condition. I learned so much about God's faithfulness and love through these Christ-loving friends.

We spent most of our marriage in Ripon, WI raising our family and God blessed us richly. We now have 4 married children who know, love and follow Jesus. We have 12+ grandchildren (We will welcome one more Child of God in the next few weeks and another as soon as a foster-to-adoption is official!) We moved back to this area to be closer to our family.

Tim and I have attended FCC and have been a part of the River Falls Missional Community for a couple of years. Joining together to fellowship, study and pray with other children of God has helped me to grow in my relationship with Christ. The commitment of our MC to serve others is like nothing I have ever seen before. I've also had the opportunity to join a discipleship group with other women. I am excited and look forward to learning, continually growing in my faith, and serving alongside the beautiful family of Christ followers of FCC!