



FCC Membership Biography



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I have lived a life among believers and yet it took decades for me to personally allow Christ to love the hardness off my heart and to truly depend on Him as my foundational rock. The good news is not only didn't He give up on me, He also extended me unending grace – something my sinful failures desperately needed.

The short story is that my past is what some might phrase as "colorful." Over a period of 18 years, my story was colored with unmitigated self-righteous arrogance, poor decisions, and mistakes with long term implications. Thankfully, there was a "But God..." moment and He found me there and loved me anyway. I was baptized at Grace Fellowship

in 2004 and yet, it took me several more years to discover who I was in Christ and that is when a rebirth of my heart, mind and soul, started to take place.

Today, my faith walk has clearly brought me to a new chapter as a believer:

- I've gone from hardly cracking open the bible, to a craving to understand the word.
- Raising my hands in worship? Ha. Now I can't find a good reason to put my hands down.
- Investing time in only un-Godly friendships to seeking wise Godly friends.
- Dismissive concerns of mainstream entertainment to a complete switch in music and television consumed.
- Volunteering for church was chore, now it's a joyful opportunity to be a contributing body of the church.

Faith Community Church has met me in this moment. FCC has been a safe environment of worship, conviction, hope, healing, support, peace, and love. I commend the church's leadership for leading with the word and conducting themselves with an authentic spirit. The mission to make more and better disciples of Christ, along with the focus on the communities of the St. Croix Valley and beyond is spot on, timeless and a mission I dutifully adopt.

My faith walk has undoubtedly brought me to Faith Community Church. I am ready and eager to formally commit as a flawed yet contributing part of the church to grow myself and others toward our collective mission.