



# FCC Membership Biography

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## *Tim Studt*

My wife, Laurie, and I grew up in Shell Lake, Wisconsin. We have known each other since we were 5 years old. We were married in 1983 while we were both enrolled in college. Even though it was a challenge financially, we both earned degrees. I received an engineering degree from the University of Minnesota and Laurie earned an elementary education degree from UW-River Falls.

We raised our family in Ripon, WI and I spent most of my engineering career at Alliance Laundry Systems. Laurie was a stay-at-home mom and then a kindergarten teacher in the Ripon school district until we retired. In 2019, we moved to the River Falls area to be closer to our 4 adult children and their families. God has blessed us with 13 grandchildren (including 1 baby girl who is with Jesus).

The financial stress of early marriage was difficult, but it ended up being a blessing since I turned to Jesus in our time of need. I believed in God and knew I was a sinner, but I struggled with how to be acceptable to God. It was through a Billy Graham sermon on God's Grace and a co-worker's invitation to a Bible study that I eventually accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior in 1984. I remember the following verses played a key part in my conversion:

Matthew 6:26 (ESV) 26 Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV) 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Laurie became a Christian shortly after and we grew in our faith over the years. Our children, Nick (Hannah), Aaron (Karen), and Rachael (Caleb) all became believers. We were all baptized as a family in about 2003. At about that same time, we "semi-adopted" John (Sara), who joined our household in early high school. He is now a believer and we still consider him part of our family. Our daughter, Rachael Johnson, and her husband Caleb (Grace and Brooke) are members at Faith Community Church. We are all part of a missional community in River Falls.

Laurie and I look forward to continual spiritual growth and becoming members of Faith Community Church as well.