

Elder Bio for Mike Everson



I am blessed to come from a family where both sides have been Jesus followers and servants of the church for generations. My parents are faithful Christians whose lives show evidence of fruit through their engagement in church and service in the community. I attended a Christian school in Colorado Springs from kindergarten through high school, where the Bible was integrated into every subject. I remember the Gospel being presented to my class when I was in kindergarten and then accepting Christ as my Lord and Savior later that night with my parents. I had a practicing faith from that moment on...though I still had a lot of growth areas to address and understanding of life and scriptures ahead.

Biblical memorization was a core component of my development at school and church, and I am so thankful that God's Word has been written into my heart and mental programming. The Bible has all the answers to all aspects of life, but the implementation

of those principles can be challenging. As a teenager, I became puffed up with knowledge and was judgmental of others growing up in a Christian culture where obedience and image was praised. My participation in secular athletics and experience at the University of Colorado in Boulder helped me grow more understanding of those who were not following the Lord or struggled with their faith for a variety of reasons. Jesus' ministry to the spiritually sick inspired me to grow in my love for all people.

I was also fortunate to attend Denver Seminary for my Counseling Master's program, where I attended Old/New Testament and theology classes along with counseling training. I love helping people deal with the difficult areas of life and have observed the transformative influence of the Bible in people's lives despite challenging circumstances. I've been studying humanity from the counselor's chair for the past 15 years and believe there are a lot of points of application for church ministry.

Meeting my wife Brittany was a profound blessing to my life and spiritual walk as I found a godly woman with whom I was equally yoked. We came from the same Christian school and church culture, though we did not know of each other until we were both out of college due to a 4-year age gap. We both have a heart for church engagement and community, which sustained us through sweet and sour seasons in church. We led a small group and Bible study for years and facilitated a marriage retreat at a previous church, and it was so fun to see how our unique spiritual gifts were used to serve the church together.

Brittany and I agree that the successful management of our family is a priority and a requirement of an elder in the church. We have children aged 11 years to 4 years old, and we are loving this season of life raising our kids to know and love Jesus. We feel it is important to participate in church ministry and use our spiritual gifts even during a busy season of life. I have a passion for teaching and helping people connect in small groups where they can discuss application of the quality teaching from Sunday and be known and cared for on a personal level.

Our family feels confirmation that CBC is home and is excited to serve the body of believers! The elder/deacon and leadership groups are full of wise and godly men, and I feel the Lord is calling me to serve alongside them shepherding His flock and be edified by the mutual discipleship that needs to happen among those who lead the church.

Romans 12:1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be

conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.