



**2022 Deacon
Candidates**



Willie Barahona

Spouse-Millie

Children-Eileen & Emilie

Members of Bear Creek since 2011

Ministry Involvement:

Sports & Adult Ministries

Willie Barahona

My life before becoming a Christian

My life before Christ was and felt a little difficult because I was growing up as a child missing a father figure in a lot of places in life. I grew up in a partial Christian environment thanks to my grand aunt (Tia). My Tia used to take us to church every Sunday and always read the bible to us and forced us to memorize verses.

How I met Christ

When I was 13 years old a missionary pastor came to the city where I lived. I felt the call right after the he called for anybody who wanted to accept Jesus in their heart.

My life since becoming a believer

My life after Christ became different because I started to learn about the love of God and how he loved us first. I realized that even though my father was not with me I had uncles that took care of me.

When I was 14 years old, in 1989, I moved to the U.S. and here my life changed completely because of the abundance of the basic things, now available to me, that I did not have in Honduras during my childhood. My mom has always been a hard-working woman and she moved here first and then arranged for us to visit and then stay here in the U.S.



Richard Brooks

**Spouse-Katherine
Children-Jessica, Nathaniel, Rebekah,
William & Abigail
Members of Bear Creek since 2019
Ministry Involvement:
Adult Ministry**

RICHARD BROOKS

My life before becoming a Christian

Born to missionary parents who spent over 40 years in Zambia, a country in south central Africa, I was exposed to the gospel from a very early age.

How I met Christ

It was when I was around six or seven years old that I distinctly remember being sick with Malaria, a mosquito born illness that kills one child every two minutes. In contemplating the real possibility of death, I realized that I was not ready to die and that I had not yet personalized the gospel that I'd heard so much about. I called my parents to my bedside, and they walked me through a simple prayerful expression of my need of salvation to the only One who could and wanted to save me.

My life since becoming a believer

In my early years I attend a British missionary boarding school in Zambia where I learned more about the Bible from dedicated missionary staff and my faith grew. During a visit to my dad's side of the family in Canada at the age of 12, I expressed interest in baptism and was baptized by my uncle at his small countryside church. At the beginning of grade eleven I transitioned to an American missionary boarding school in Kenya where I remember wrestling with the outworking of the faith that I claimed. I sought out areas to serve the God and His church and engaged in music and gospel outreach at a local orphanage.

After high school I relocated to Canada in order to attend college and I nervously endeavored to take a stand regarding my faith and sought to please God rather than others or myself. God graciously provided a strong church and active youth group to surround me at that critical time in my life.

After college I was able to find work with a global Engineering company and began the next phase of my faith journey with some amazingly strong moments and some frighteningly weak moments all leading me to a deeper awareness of my need to experience the grace of God which is only made possible in and through Jesus Christ.

God has graciously provided me with a beautiful wife in Katherine and for the last 15 years our entwined faith journey now has provided many more means for God's blessings and His grace to be experienced. We have six children, five in hand and one in heaven and are so thankful for each one and the fact that we can trust Jesus to do for them what we can't. Our family testimony is one that declares the greatness of God's grace in the face of great sin and the truth that He resists the proud but give grace to the humble.



Keith Conley

Spouse-Alison

Children-Noah, Emma & Nyla

Members of Bear Creek since 2010

Ministry Involvement:

Adult & Deacon Ministries

Keith Conley

My life before becoming a Christian

My faith story is an example of God's grace, provision, patience, and perfect love. I was saved as a teenager, patiently sustained through early adulthood, and lead to a greater commitment and obedience to his will in my life as I got older.

How I met Christ

My parents divorced when I was six years old. My older brother and I lived with my mother for three years and then we came to live with our father here in Texas. In my early childhood church was where we went with my grandmother. She was a faithful servant of Jesus Christ and my earliest memories of church all revolve around her. When I was 13 years old I was visiting my mother who was attending church regularly and I answered an altar call and gave my life to Jesus Christ.

My life since becoming a believer

When I came back to my home my father and stepmother were not in church. We did not go to church, talk about spiritual matters, or talk about God's word. But I knew God was with me. After a childhood of change and a constant feeling of being unsettled I now had my rock. I knew that I was saved and I knew that God loved me. It has been a source of comfort and peace ever since. I think that God patiently lead me to my wonderful wife, and he has been growing us together every step of the way. Our lives continue to grow as we try to obediently answer Gods call for our family and our lives.



Terry Golden

Spouse-Lynnette

Members of Bear Creek since 2018

Ministry Involvement:

Adult Ministry

Terry Golden

My life before becoming a Christian

I cannot remember a time when I did not attend church. I grew up in a Southern Baptist church in Beaumont, Texas and was fortunate to have Christian parents.

How I met Christ

When I was 10 years old, the Lord convicted my heart and I realized that neither my parents nor my church would save me. I felt very much alone in a large church as I came to grips with the reality of standing before God as a sinner. One Sunday in August of 1962 I felt the preacher was speaking directly to me and I felt the Holy Spirit knocking on the door of my heart. I accepted the invitation to believe in Christ as my sole savior and to follow Him for the rest of my life. I was baptized by immersion shortly thereafter.

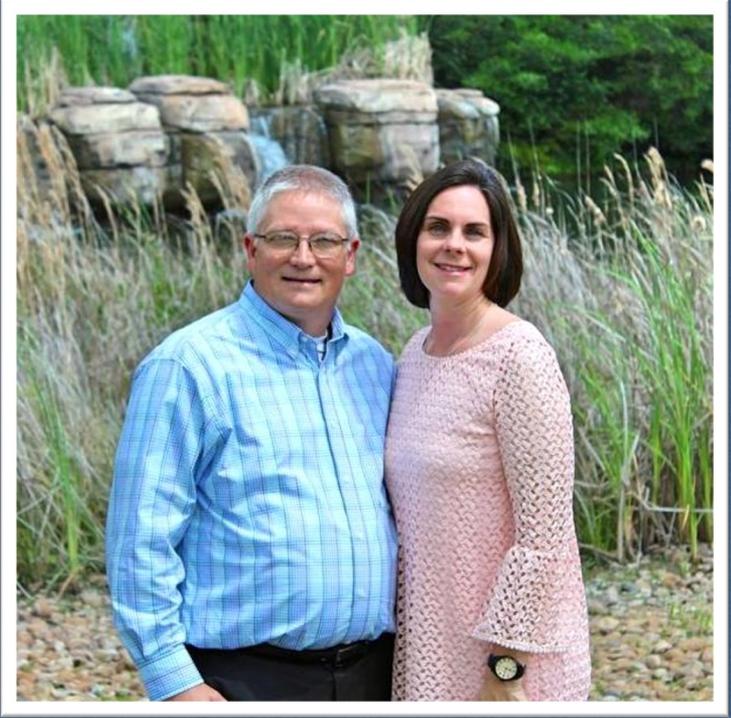
My life since becoming a believer

I was blessed in 1974 to marry a “preacher’s kid” and to share my life with another committed Christian. Lynnette and I moved around the U.S. as we pursued a career in “Big Oil.” As a family, we have been members of ten different local churches, covering three different denominations and one non-denominational community.

In 2006 I received a definite call to leave the oil industry and join the fellowship of vocational ministry. After a year of preparation during which we double-and triple-checked our call, I joined the pastoral staff of our non-denominational church in Washington State. In 2011, we were led to relocate closer to home, and I accepted a pastoral position with Sugar Creek Baptist Church in Sugar Land. I retired from that position in 2017 and we made our way to Bear Creek in order to join in worship with our family.

In retirement, I am teaching at Bear Creek and am serving as a commissioned chaplain for the Texas Department of Public Safety and for the Richmond Police Department. I also work with several other first responder agencies as a back-up chaplain.

As we look into life’s “rearview mirror,” the hand of God can be plainly seen through every step and every detail of our experience, and we continue to enjoy His presence and to worship Him.



Buster Huddleston

**Spouse– Kelly
Members of Bear Creek since 1998**

**Ministry Involvement:
Deacon, Adult & Sports Ministries**

Buster Huddleston

My life before becoming a Christian

I was lost and did not know it but it was still guided by our Lord. My family did not attend church on a regular basis. God had a loyal follower in our neighborhood that would hold Sunday school in her garage room. All of us from the neighborhood would attend. She was a great Christian lady and taught me who Jesus was and that prepared me to accept him when the time came. I graduated from High School and joined the United States Navy. The Navy did not help me with my faith but our Lord used the Navy to get me to a little town called Meridian, Mississippi. Some of you know that Meridian is 250 miles inland. There is not a big enough water mass in or around Meridian to float an Aircraft Carrier. An Airdale without a carrier is truly land locked.

How I met Christ

There was a young woman that lived in Meridian and God was leading my life to her. My wife grew up in a strong Christian home. Her parents took their daughters to church every time the doors were open. God used her faith and commitment as a tool to get me in the church doors. She was cute and I loved being with her, even if it meant going to church with her. She got me there and He did the rest. I learned more about him as He softened my heart. The year I turned 25 God saved me and gave me a beautiful woman.

My life since becoming a believer

For over 25 years I have been growing and working for Christ. My wife and I have been youth leaders at our former church, teachers for grade school and now we teach the juniors in the Student Ministry. We have coached for several years in our Upwards program and I have served as a Deacon in our church. God has blessed us with three beautiful children that continue to amaze us as they grow up. God has blessed us with the abilities to witness to others and to open our house to the students in our church. We continue to look for opportunities to share.



Ronnie Hutson

Spouse-Connie

Members of Bear Creek since 2015

**Ministry Involvement:
Adult & Deacon Ministries**

Ronnie Hutson

My life before becoming a Christian

The first time my Mama carried me to church I was probably smaller than a Bee-bee. That is to say that I was raised in church and have no memory of a time when sensing God's presence was not a constant. Both of my parents were amazing people and they excelled at making church not just expected but fully satisfying.

How I met Christ

I have no Damascus Road experience. We had a family devotion each evening prior to turning the lights out on the day, and I will assume that at one of those, I prayed for the first time with understanding.

My life since becoming a believer

Shortly after graduating High School, I took an alone trip up into the mountains around Cloudcroft, New Mexico and spent several days in prayer and consideration around what God wanted me to accomplish with my life. At the end of that time I came away with a life-purpose statement: To serve God and man and to encourage and teach others to serve God and man.

Life is hard and that by design. I believe one of the primary reasons for that truth is that it results in an almost limitless array of opportunities to lift someone up, to take another's place, to go a second mile, to feed one in obvious need of it, to turn the other cheek or lend a hand in lifting a burden. I can think of no higher calling or worth than to be constantly on the look-out for those whom Jesus would refer to as "the least of these," and to serve them. And so it is my life-goal, once having reached the end of the path that is narrow, to be called a faithful servant.



Cesar Munico

Spouse-Zonia

Members of Bear Creek since 2013

Ministry Involvement:

Adult Ministry

Cesar Munico

My life before becoming a Christian

Before I became a Christian, I had the opportunity to go to church with my mother and siblings. I know God was working on me during my youth, teaching me his word and showing me his immeasurable love. Although I regularly attend church, I never knew the true meaning of salvation. I knew as humans we sin but I was never taught to repent. I didn't know how to be saved. I remember when I would meet up with some of my old childhood friends, some would mock me for my faith. They would refer to me with names such as 'Bible', 'Hallelujah', and 'Floor-kisser' (Because they would see me pray on my knees). Their persisting mockery caused me to be ashamed of being Christian. It got to the point where I was embarrassed to carry my Bible to church.

How I met Christ

One day, as I was doing my homework in my living room, the radio was on and a pastor was preaching about salvation. God opened my heart and that very day, I gave my life to Christ. I learned to get over my shame of being a Christian and the next time my 'friends' tried to tease me, I took it as an opportunity to share the gospel with them. God touched their hearts and they apologized for mocking me.

My life since becoming a believer

Although I occasionally receive judgment for my faith, I thank God for helping me find the path of salvation and giving me strength to be unashamed of calling him Lord. I'm still growing and learning as a Christian, but I want to continue to serve him. I'd rather deny myself now than hear him deny me at the gates of heaven.



Ross Patton

Spouse-Summer

Children-Saylor, Royal & Ranger

Members of Bear Creek since 2014

Ministry Involvement:

Connection, Sports & Preschool Ministries

Ross Patton

My Life before becoming a Christian

Growing up I attended church weekly. My Grandfather was a Reverend. I knew Jesus and how he died on the cross to forgive my sins. I was baptized as a young child and considered myself a Christian. As I got into my late teens and early 20's, my moral compass had taken me away from my Christian values. I was lost and living for the world. I was not regularly attending church and no longer had God at the center of my life.

How I met Christ

At 30, I married my God-fearing wife and he blessed me with a family which brought me back to church. This reignited my desire and need to be more Christ-like. I began reading my bible again, hearing my Holy Spirit again, and found myself looking to make changes in my life, ultimately bringing me back to Jesus. I got Baptized to profess and renew my faith publicly. Confessed my sins, joined the church, and began walking alongside Christ.

My life since becoming a Believer

I joined a grow group at BCBC called Home Builders, diving deeper in my spiritual walk, showing me the importance of fellowshiping with other believers. I heard the call to serve as a greeter in preschool ministries as Jesus served me. (John 12:26) "If any man serves me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serves me, he will my Father honor". The Lord has continued to show me grace and I'm forever grateful for His mercy. I know that He has blessed me abundantly and my life has forever been changed. Not a day passes without me expressing my gratitude through prayer to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



Danny Quintanilla

Spouse-Genie

Members of Bear Creek since 2008

Ministry Involvement:

Worship & Adult Ministries

Danny Quintanilla

My life before becoming a Christian

I was raised in a Christian home with my father being a pastor. So being raised a “preacher’s kid” was both good and bad. Good, because my parents were loving, caring and raised us in the up in the love and admonition of the Lord. I knew about Jesus and his love for me, and I was basically a “good” boy. The bad about being a “preacher’s kid” was that I was a times rebellious and that doing things that I knew I should not be doing. I also had the attitude that I was going to heaven because I my dad was a pastor and was getting “in” because I was hanging on to his coattail.

How I met Christ

In the summer of 1970 our church in Brownsville, Texas had group from Orchard Hills Baptist Church from Garland, Texas doing a VBS. This was the second summer in a row that this group was in our church. On the last day of VBS a young man name Troy shared with me the plan of salvation and for the first time in my life I realized that I was a sinner In need of salvation. That hot summer day I bowed my head and I accepted Jesus Christ as my Savoir. All I remember is that I was overwhelmed by joy and a burden was lifted from me. I followed the Lord in believers’ baptism a few years later.

My life since becoming a believer

Over the years I have seen God’s faithfulness in my life and the life of my family. The Lord called me to the Gospel ministry, and I faithfully served in full time ministry for over 18 years. Even though I am not in full time ministry, I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances as Paul stated in Philippians 4:11. I continually seek the Lord every day and try to minister to all I meet. For those of you who know me you know that I love to sing and the words of Andrae Crouch’s song “Through it All” can sum up my walk with the Lord:

Through it all, through it all, I’ve learned to trust in Jesus,
I’ve learned to trust in God.

Through it all, through it all, I’ve learned to depend upon
His Word.

How Do Deacons Serve at Bear Creek?

The Bible describes two offices in the New Testament Church- the Elder/Pastor and the Deacon. The role of Deacon in the New Testament Church is important. Deacons are ordained at Bear Creek as servant-leaders. They are chosen based on the spiritual character qualities described in Acts 6 and 1 Timothy 3.

They are to be godly men. We ask for their wives to join in serving alongside them in creating and maintaining a genuine sense of harmony and unity in the life of our fellowship. This is the primary role of a Deacon in the New Testament Church (Acts 6).

They also serve in several important ways.

- Our Deacons serve during each of our Lord's Supper services.
- They prayer-walk our campus every Sunday morning, asking for God's power and presence.
- They provide a special helps ministry to support individual needs in the life of our church.
- They also maintain a support ministry to each of our Pastors as well.

Electing New Deacons

Deacons are elected to serve for three years. After their term, they can be re-nominated after being inactive for a year. Men are nominated by our faith family and reviewed/interviewed by our current Deacon fellowship to be sure they meet the biblical requirements of Deacons and that they fully understand the role of Deacons. Those who agree are recommended by the Deacon fellowship and then voted on by our faith family. There will be a Called Conference on Sunday, April 3, 2022 during our morning worship services to vote on these men recommended as new Deacons.