

Autobiography



Mitch Watkins was born on March 12, 1959, the first son of an Air Force Family. His early life was spent in several locations including Louisiana, France, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi and finally Texas where he graduated Randolph High School and started college at the University of Texas at San Antonio in 1977.

He joined the United States Navy in 1978 where he was trained in the operation, maintenance and repair of computer systems on naval submarines. Within 8 years, he had attained the rank of E-6 when he decided to return to the private sector and work toward completing a degree, though he had difficulty deciding in what to major.

Returning to San Antonio in 1987, he spent the next 21 years working at HEB as an accounting specialist, a product information specialist at QVC, an insurance salesman for USAA, a relocation real estate specialist for Alamo Title and a pharmacy tech phone specialist for Caremark Pharmaceuticals (He couldn't decide what he wanted to be when he grew up). Simultaneously, Mitch attended classes off and on at UTSA finally deciding on a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication.

Also during those 21 years, he was active in several churches as a minister of music, college youth Bible study teacher, high school Bible study teacher, adult Bible study teacher and occasional fill-in pulpit minister, preaching the good news of Jesus Christ when the pulpit minister was on vacation or otherwise indisposed.

Mitch married late in life in February 1992 to a woman of excellence and his one great love, Betsy. Though baptized into Christ at a Baptist church at age 13, we was baptized for the remission of his sins at the Lytle Church of Christ a few months after marrying due to intense personal study on baptism and its function in a believer's life (remission of sins and being added to the church for whom Jesus Christ died). Although happily married since 1992, he and his spouse have never had a child of their own, instead focusing on their four nieces, 3 great-nephews and their many brothers and sisters in Christ.

In 2006, two years before he was awarded a BA in Communication (which he had been very close in attaining), he had to undergo back surgery which had the unforeseen outcome of causing nerve damage resulting in being declared disabled and receiving Social Security benefits. Between 2006 and 2008 he attended the few classes still required for his degree plan - with the much-needed assistance of his wife, Betsy - finally earning his BA in 2008

He has attended the Lytle congregation since 1992, serving as the 7 to 11-year-old boys, high school boys and adult Bible study teacher. With his wife, they have served several years as group leaders for our various family groups as well as leaders of our Sunday Night Family Sandwiches & Chips Surprise Fellowships. He has also been the congregation's primary song leader since being baptized into Christ's church in 1992.

He started as part-time music, family and education lay-minister for the Lytle Church of Christ in January 2010 where he's now served 10+ years in that capacity, glorifying God and His Son, Jesus Christ in the congregation and in the community.

Although Mitch and his wife, Betsy, moved to Marble Falls, TX in December 2014, they have remained a part of the congregation, travelling the 111 miles one way to Lytle each Sunday for worship with their brothers and sisters. They also drive down for any special days such as Game Nights, Picnics and other activities. They do this because they love the brethren of Lytle - they are brothers and sisters in the truest sense of the word.