



Members of Grace Covenant Church are asked to confirm the members of the Elder Board each year. Ballots will be available for members after each service on Sunday, May 19, 2019.

BILL SCHREYER

Who is in your family?

Shelley, my dear sweetheart, and I were married in 1976. The Lord has blessed us with three children. Cheryl married Ben Lowe, and they are in Washington with our grandchildren, Hannah, Hayley, Isaiah and Isabella. Jacob and Channing Schreyer are currently in Austin with our grandsons, Caleb, James and David. Bob is in Austin busy with work and college.

What ministries have you been involved with at Grace?

I have been involved in Stephen Ministry and in Men's Quest (Men's Fraternity) and also as a deacon. I have been on leadership teams, a director and a teacher in Communities.

When did you come to know Christ?

I came to know Christ when I was 10 years old and at Northern Frontier Camp in North River, New York.

Why is Grace your church?

God called us to Grace in 1982 where the Holy Scriptures are taught with excellence and we are continually encouraged to live a life obedient to them by the grace of God and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

What is your profession?

I am serving as a pastor at Mission: Possible! Austin.

MATT PENNIES

Who is in your family?

Amy and I have been married for almost 16 years and have four children—Brooklyn (14), Annabella (13) Alyssa (10) and Joseph (7).

What ministries have you been involved with at Grace?

We began serving at Grace in the children's ministry and helping to form and support Life Groups. Most recently, Amy has been active in Women's Bible Study and I have been part of the Central Teachings Team.

When did you come to know Christ?

I believe I received Jesus when I was 4 years old. I had a bad dream, and as my mom consoled me, she explained that I could always know that Jesus was with me—no matter what—and she led me in a prayer to receive Him that night at the foot of her bed. While I was just a young boy, I have never doubted His presence in my life. My faith and understanding have certainly evolved, but I am blessed to say Jesus has led me through almost every single experience I can remember.

Why is Grace your church?

We began to visit here in the summer of 2008, and we were drawn to the teaching and the worship. Since that time, we have been poured into by the people at this church—from the women in MOPs who supported Amy through a new baby and my busy travel schedule, to the deep friendships we've developed in our Life Group and the leaders who have been invaluable mentors to me here—we have been utterly blessed and are grateful to call Grace home.

What is your profession?

I am an organizational development practitioner by background and have led large sales organizations for the last several years.

JORGE ABREGO**Who is in your family?**

My wife Pat have been married for almost 33 years. We're blessed with three daughters, Carissa, Elise and Serena, and we have five grandchildren—Valencia (7), Marina (3), Joel and Caleb (3-month-old twins), and a new baby granddaughter who will be born in July!

What ministries have you been involved with at Grace?

relevance, Men's Quest, Life Groups and Grace Kids.

When did you come to know Christ?

I came to know Jesus as Savior and Lord of my life in 1998. Through quite intricate circumstances, God's grace overwhelmed me and enabled me to ask the Lord to forgive me. As an adult convert, I have a heart for new believers in Christ and for people who are earnestly seeking God.

Why is Grace your church?

Grace is my family and where my view of God is continuously elevated. It's where Pat and I have been led to be a part of the body of Christ to worship, serve, encourage and be encouraged in our walk with the Lord.

What is your profession?

I am a marketing director for a B2B publisher of agricultural content and research.

DAN WALTERS**Who is in your family?**

Lynda and I have been married 48 years and have three adult children and six grandchildren.

What ministries have you been involved with at Grace?

Through the years, I have been involved with Career Transitions, Men's Fraternity (Quest), the Empty Nester Community and curriculum planning.

When did you come to know Christ?

I accepted Christ as my Savior before Lynda and I were married, but it was another 14 years before I fully understood that I needed to surrender my life to Jesus as my Lord. This occurred as a friend invited me into a men's Bible study and encouraged me to begin to use my faith to live everyday.

Why is Grace your church?

Something is "working" at Grace that we have seldom experienced in other churches. I think it is the mystery that Paul talks about that occurs in the Body of Christ. Grace is a safe place to explore faith and relationships.

What is your profession?

I am an executive coach working with the C12 Group to help Christian CEOs build great businesses for a greater purpose.

GERALD YOUNGBLOOD

Who is in your family?

My wife, Virginia, and I have been married for 44 years and are blessed with three children married to wonderful spouses. We have seven adorable grandchildren—all of who live in Austin.

What ministries have you been involved with at Grace?

Virginia and I have been involved in marriage discipleship ministry at Grace since 2004. We began in pre-marriage and pre-engagement mentoring and then moved into repair mentoring in 2008. We have also been involved in leading a number of small-group and community marriage enrichment classes, and we served in re|engage and Communities.

When did you come to know Christ?

I trusted my life to Christ as a senior electrical engineering student at Mississippi State University.

Why is Grace your church?

My hope is that we the people of Grace love Jesus in such a deep way that His Kingdom is established here and now in relationship with Him and one another. Together, we encourage one another to grow more like Christ each day in all of life.

What is your profession?

I own a small high tech company, FlexRadio Systems.

MARK McCLAIN

Who is in your family?

I have been ridiculously, happily married to Marj since 1986. We have been blessed with three children: Andy, who is married to Erika and who has three children (Melanie, Morgan and Emmy); Rachel who is married to John Dow and has one child (Malia); and Grace who is married to Pate Howard.

What ministries have you been involved with at Grace?

We have been at Grace since 1995. During that time, I have served as an elder, taught and/or led in almost all of our Communities (currently serving as a class leader for Empty Nester), served in Men's Ministry, led Life Groups with Marj, mentored a number of younger men and occasionally even helped out in the Nursery.

When did you come to know Christ?

I was raised in a strong Christian home and baptized at an early age. I made a personal decision to become a follower of Christ in high school at a youth camp.

Why is Grace your church?

Originally, our family chose to be at Grace due to its reputation for solid biblical teaching and a strong children's and youth ministry (our kids were all under 10 years old at the time). Over time, we chose to stay and serve here because we believe that Grace strives to maintain a healthy balance of sound teaching, encouraging fellowship and commitment to service within the body, in the community and around the world, all with the goal of helping people become more like Christ in all of life.

What is your profession?

I serve as the CEO and Co-founder of SailPoint, an Austin-based, high-tech company focused on the security industry, which went through an IPO in 2017. I have spent almost 35 years in the technology industry, with over half of that spent leading entrepreneurial ventures.