

### **Bruce Butler**

Bruce Butler is a 23-year resident of Summit County and Silverthorne. He and his wife, Maggie, have been attending DCC for roughly 18 years, and have been church members for a most of that time. Bruce (and Maggie) started attending DCC to introduce his daughter to the gospel, but quickly realized he needed to accept and embrace the gospel too. Jesus is the only true answer to the world's problems.

Bruce has a long history of civic engagement in Summit County and has previously served on the DCC Elder Board. He currently works for the Summit Historical Society, and in residential construction. In addition to DCC, Bruce is currently active in the Rotary Club of Summit County, the Summit County Elks, the Summit Musicians Relief Fund, and the 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Performance Review Commission.

Now is an exciting time for DCC, which comes with opportunities and challenges too. Youth and children's ministries have been an anchor for DCC for many years, but with the high cost of living and the COVID-19 disruption, many younger families have moved out of Summit County. We have an opportunity to help reverse some of that trend over the next few years. It is my hope that Summit County, like some other parts of the country, will experience a spiritual revival, and DCC can be at the heart of it. It is an honor to serve the DCC congregation and to be part of such a vibrant faith community.

### **Kathy Jo Pfeifer**

grew up in North Dakota, and after moving to Summit County in 1995 has been faithfully attending Dillon Community Church. Her walk with the Lord began in a little church in ND planted by her grandfather, with a firm foundation in the word instilled by the preaching of her uncle. DCC became her and Dave's home church when they saw the same values of faith, biblical teaching, and the genuine feeling of family here. Kathy Jo and David's three children grew up running the hallways of DCC. Throughout the years the family has seen changes at DCC but love how this truly is a well utilized community church loving the people of Summit County and beyond.

Kathy Jo currently is a member of the mission team, coordinates Operation Christmas Child, and teaches Sunday school. In the past, she has enjoyed serving on the women's ministry team, the children's advisory board, the search committee and has coordinated the nursery and children's programming on Thursday mornings. She has a bachelor's degree in nursing science and has been thrilled to put her nursing experience to use on mission trips to Haiti. She is anxious for the opportunity to return to these people and feels called to continue to show them God's love in a tangible way. Humbled and thankful that God has placed her in this church body of believers at this time, she strives to be open and excited to his call to love and serve others however God directs.

My name is **Mitchell Andrews**, but to most of you I'm probably known as Julie's husband.

I grew up in southern Missouri and was raised in the Baptist religion. I accepted Christ as my Lord a savior and was baptized when I was eight years old. I came to Summit County in 2005 for all the same reasons everyone else does. The beautiful mountains and all the recreational opportunities the Rockies provide. After living here, a couple of years practicing my new religion (the religion of fun), I met my wife, Julie. At some point we were ready to do the family thing and thought it would be a good idea to have a kid. As it turns out the Lord decided we should have 2... At the same time.

This was a drastic life change for us and far outside the scope of what we had planned for ourselves, but it turns out it was just what we needed. Little did we know how the Lord would use this as an opportunity that would lead us to DCC and closer to him. We knew we wanted to raise our kids to have some kind of faith and instill some moral values into them. Since Julie was raised as a Catholic and I was raised as a Baptist. We didn't really know what that looked like. We tried a few churches, but none were a good fit.

We began attending DCC in 2011. We dedicated our children and then we finally decided to become members in 2017. And somewhere along the way DCC became our family. I think that God always wants us to improve ourselves and grow closer to him. And when he opens doors that create opportunities for us to serve others, it may take us outside of our comfort zones. It is often a more difficult path, but a rewarding one. It is up to us to decide to walk through those doors. I think it's easy to get comfortable with the routine in our lives and get caught up in our recreational hobbies and interests.

It wasn't until I became responsible for a family that I began to ask, "What kind of values do I want to instill in my children?" I finally began to take my faith more seriously. And in this journey, I have discovered so much more about my own faith. What it really means to not just believe in God but to love God and follow Jesus. And to do that I must love others and that's not always an easy thing to do.

I think that the Lord has opened a door and provided an opportunity to do just that by serving as an elder. I am excited for the chance to grow and move even closer to him and help others in their journey by serving the people of DCC and Summit County.