

Mark Bartman

Elder Candidate
Spring 2025



Biography

Mark Bartman was raised in a Christian home where he grew up attending church and was a part of the Royal Rangers. At age 21 he grew tired of pursuing what the world said was valuable in life and decided to pursue God fully. He surrendered his life completely to the Lord, knowing that God would fill the emptiness he was feeling. Mark's desire to better understand the Bible led him to attend Moody Bible institute where he earned his Master of Arts and Biblical Studies as well as an M-DIV.

Mark has been married to his wife Ruthie for 28 years and they have five adult children. Mark and Ruthie have been very intentional about discipleship in their home and helping their kids grow spiritually and walk with Jesus.



Mark has served as both a youth and senior pastor at previous churches and currently serves as a marriage mentor and a leader of the young adult group here at Calvary. He has the spiritual gifts of teaching, leadership, discernment, shepherding and exhortation.

As an elder, Mark's heart is to care for people and the flock by standing on God's Word with humility and passion. He has a passion for clearly communicating the principles of Scripture, showing their relevance for modern life, and inspiring spiritual growth.



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Elders are called by God to be Spiritual Shepherds of a local church. They must be godly men of spiritual maturity and wisdom who demonstrate the ability to teach, lead, and spiritually care for God's people. These men have been thoroughly vetted by a team of elders, pastors, and godly men & women in our congregation, and have participated in eldership training.

If you have any questions, comments, or feedback on these men, please reach out to any of the members of the Elder Process Team, or to any of the elders directly. (Elder Process team members: Larry Birch, Doug Driscoll, Clyde Rasmussen, Lacey Anevicius, Melissa Borke, Bethany Swanstrom, or Pastor Eric Omdal.) We'd like to have feedback by May 11 so we can follow up on any concerns.



Randy Foss

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Biography

Randy grew up attending a mainline denominational church with his family but always felt like something was missing in his life. When he was in college, his roommate became saved and started sharing the gospel with him. At the same time, Randy's girlfriend (and now wife), Ruth also began to share the gospel with him. Within a short time, Randy recognized his need for God, confessed his sin and turned his life over to Christ. He states that his life is a sanctification journey as he seeks to follow Jesus Christ as his Savior and grow in Him.

Randy has been married to his wife Ruth for over 37 years and they have 3 adult sons. Randy has been a fixture of faithfulness in our children's ministry, having taught elementary Sunday School at CBC for nearly 30 years! He has been involved with the New Commandment Ministry supporting widows and single moms at CBC and has enjoyed assisting in many of the remodeling projects around church. He has gifts of leadership, teaching, mentoring, and service.



Randy and Ruth enjoy sharing life and studying God's Word with their LifeGroup at Calvary, and are so thankful for the community of Body of Christ! Randy's heart as an elder is to help develop the maturity of the flock of God.



Steve Mercer

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Biography

Steve was introduced to Christ through the VBS program at Calvary the summer between his 5th&6th grade. He trusted Christ that summer and most of his family did the same. His parents had especially been searching. After that summer his family started attending CBC regularly and got fully immersed in the children's and youth ministries and many opportunities to connect and grow at Calvary. Steve attended FVCA and his middle and high school years were foundational to his faith, due to the positive influence of godly teachers, leaders, and friends. Steve views his relationship with God as a journey of growth as he continues to draw closer to God.

Steve has been married to his wife and best friend Melissa for 35 years and they have three adult children. One daughter attends Calvary with her family and the other two live out of state. Steve has volunteered in a host of ministries, participated in several mission trips, and served as the Financial Secretary for CBC in the past. Steve is gifted in administration, service, and one on one discipling.



Steve's heart as an elder is to nurture the flock of God. He has demonstrated this most significantly by faithfully serving in the middle school ministry at Calvary for over 25 years, impacting several generations of young people for Christ during a crucial stage in their spiritual development.

