

Christ Church Members: Michael and Jennifer Grove



Mike and Jenn both grew up Methodist. They met at a young adult group at a Methodist Church in New Orleans in 2001. They married in New Orleans and moved to the Houston area in 2004 for their respective jobs with ExxonMobil and Chevron. Mike has worked as a process engineer in refining at ExxonMobil for over 20 years. Jenn worked as an information technology analyst for Chevron for 9 years. She now stays home with the kids. Nate and Andrew attend Christ Church Preschool. Nate will start kindergarten in fall 2019 and Sabrina will be in 4th grade at Suchma Elementary. The family also enjoys spending time outdoors. They do a lot of swimming with year-round practices and lessons.

The Groves moved to the Woodlands in 2013 to be closer to the ExxonMobil campus. They enrolled Sabrina (who was 3 at the time) in Christ Church Preschool. They love the friendly, loving atmosphere there and the great teaching. All their kids have attended there. They started at Christ Church by participating in the children's ministry for a couple of years. They received an invite to Christ Church through the preschool to children's ministry events including carving pumpkins, decorating gingerbread houses, and summer camps. Then they joined a Sunday School class. In 2016, they joined the church as members.



"We love the family friendly atmosphere at the church, the way we are spiritually fed as disciples, and the sense of community. There are plenty of opportunities to experience Christ and serve as a family. There are also several studies and groups to grow closer to Christ. We feel at home with a sense of community where we are known and can care for each other."--Jenn

Through Christ Church, they have learned that you are never too far from God, you don't always have to have it all together, and sometimes you do experience walls in your faith. They experienced an outpouring of love when they had their third child. In 2017, they experienced a challenging year as a family. Christ Church stood beside them with the unconditional love of Christ and helped them move through and past those experiences. They note that they've grown deeper in their faith as disciples because of that and continue to see God at work in Christ Church. They've joined in the church's outreach to serve others as individuals and as a family and have seen God at work in their community and the world. They have experienced God as Provider, Redeemer, Counselor, Friend, and in so many more ways at Christ Church.

“We have invited friends and family to Christ Church. They have all been moved by the community at Christ Church.”--Jenn

Mike and Jenn learned about financial giving through biblical teaching along their spiritual journey as a married couple. They tithe regularly and give offerings to special funds to honor God with their first fruits. The blessings and skills they have come from Him. They remember especially 2 Corinthians 9:6-7-- where you sow generously, you will reap generously. They know also from this passage to prepare their hearts for giving as God loves a cheerful giver. They also take to heart Malachi 3:8-10, that they are not to rob God but to tithe and that this is the one thing where they can test God, for He will surely “open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.”



The Groves have served as a family with Rise Against Hunger (where Jenn led the church team this year), in the church pumpkin patch, and with Family Promise. Mike and Jenn attend Sunday School and The Well worship service. Mike leads a discipleship band. Jenn attends a Bible Study and is in a discipleship band. Jenn serves on the women’s ministry leadership team and as secretary of the finance committee.

Financial Update



GENERAL OPERATING FUND (GOF): This fund enables Christ Church to work toward fulfilling our vision of Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World. This is our main source of funding for ministry and programming.

Jan 1 – March 31, 2019 GOF Collections	Year-To-Date GOF Collections	2019 Annual Budget
\$426,993	\$426,993	\$2,154,148



MISSIONS FAITH PROMISE: This fund is the above-and-beyond giving to fund our Missions and Outreach efforts. They have paid out financial commitments totaling \$11,922.



ROOTS & WINGS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: Our Christian Education Center building is open and houses The Climbing Tree Daycare and Sunday morning children’s ministry! Thank you for your faithfulness in giving to this special project.

Jan 1 – March 31, 2019 Roots & Wings Collections	To-Date Collections	3-Year Commitment Budget
\$55,519	\$1,197,601	\$1,671,941