

Elder Candidate Bio: Ken Perry

I grew up in Sturbridge Massachusetts and I am the youngest of 4 kids. I have 2 older brothers and an older sister. I grew up in what I consider to be a very loving home and had a great childhood.

I was raised as a Christian Scientist and grew up in that denomination. As a Christian Scientist we believed in the power of prayer and my faith in God reached all aspects of my life.

After graduating from high school I attended Bentley College in Waltham, Massachusetts. First semester freshman year I met Joanne and we dated throughout college.

After graduating from Bentley I took a job at Pratt & Whitney in East Hartford and I moved to Connecticut. Joanne remained in Massachusetts until 1988 when we were married. We started our life together in our first home in Manchester, Connecticut.

In 1990 I left my job at Pratt & Whitney to start my own company and I have been working for myself for the past 31 years. In 1992 we began our family by having our first daughter, Genevieve. In 1994 we had Rachel and in 1996 we had Jaylyn. God has blessed us with 3 beautiful daughters.

By 1996 we had moved from Manchester to Simsbury where we currently reside.

Around 2002 we were introduced to Valley Brook by the Parisi and Heermance families. We started attending Valley Brook while the church was still at Kelly Lane.

During this time I began to grow further in my faith walk. I knew I had faith in God but I was convicted because I had never accepted what Jesus did for me on the cross.

Also at this time, Joanne and I were involved in the Amway business and at a business conference one weekend during a Sunday morning church service, I accepted that I was a sinner, asked Jesus for forgiveness and asked Jesus to lead my life as my Lord and Savior.

Through the years we have raised our family at Valley Brook. We are extremely grateful for each person that poured themselves into the lives of our girls through Sunday school, youth group, retreats, etc. I've also had the opportunity to serve in many areas. Some of these include being on the Building and Transition Teams, helping with the Live Nativity and Easter Egg Hunt outreaches, working with the youth at Youth Group, leading the Usher team, participating on the Missions Team and the Finance Team. I also lead a Life Group and will be co-leading our next mission's trip to Guatemala.

For the last 9 years I've served on the Elder Board, and it would be an honor for me to continue. God is still calling me to serve in this position and it would be a pleasure to continue serving with the other dedicated members of the Elder Board.

God Bless!

Kenneth M. Perry