

Koch Family

Kory, Holly, Nora, Sam & Ben



About Me

My experiences in childhood and my professional life have led me to be the pastor and person I am today. My passions in ministry are missions, preaching and evangelism. Working to help others through missions is a vital part of my life. I serve as a member of the CTCYM Advisory Board, where I am able to help plan the conference youth mission trips. I especially enjoy working on wheelchair ramps. I believe that the church is meant to be the hands and feet of Christ. I also get very excited about worship, and I love to preach relevant sermon series. My passions in life are my family, fishing, and spending time with friends. A great day for me is spent with my family out on the lake on my boat.

My Family

I met my wife, Holly, while we were students at Texas A&M University. We dated for three years before getting married in 1998. Soon after, we moved to Illinois, where Holly worked towards her second bachelor's degree in music from Greenville College, which she earned in 2000. Holly began her church career while she was a student, when she became the choir director at the First Baptist Church of Greenville. Since that time, she has served at First United Methodist, Colleyville, White's Chapel United Methodist Church in Southlake and First United Methodist, Springtown, where we began a time of joint ministry.

Our daughter, Nora, was born in 2005. Nora is very excited about starting kindergarten this year. She loves to sing and has already sung a couple of solos in church. She loves reading, playing outside and using her imagination. In October of 2009 our sons, Sam & Ben were born. They are full of energy and keep us very busy.

My Childhood

My father is a pastor in the United Methodist Church, so I grew up as a PK (preacher's kid). I became familiar with the blessings and hardships of ministry at a young age. Some of my fondest memories as a child are of going with my dad to serve home communion to people who were either homebound, or in nursing homes or were too ill to attend church.

College and the Military

After graduating from LD Bell High School in Hurst, I went to Texas A&M University to pursue an engineering degree. Two years into my degree plan, I took a break and joined the US Army. During my three-year tour of duty, I was stationed in Germany in a mechanized infantry unit. In addition to my military service, I was privileged to travel to almost all of the Western European countries and even into a few of the Eastern European countries.

Upon completing my tour of duty, I returned to Texas A&M University to finish my engineering degree. Immediately upon returning to A&M, I became active at the Wesley Foundation, the Methodist Student Center, where I grew tremendously as a disciple through worship, small groups, fellowship and mission trips. I served as the student council chairperson during my senior year.

For six years after my graduation from A&M, I worked in environmental engineering, working primarily on landfills.

Seminary and Professional Experience

In 2001, I finally answered God's call on my life to enter the ordained ministry. In 2003, I began seminary at Brite Divinity School and took my first pastoral appointment to the Italy/Milford charge where I served for a little over three years. In January of 2007, we moved from Italy to Springtown because I was appointed as the pastor at First United Methodist Church, Springtown. I graduated from Brite Divinity School in 2007, and I was ordained as a full elder in 2010.