

Meet the Member

Chris and Cindy Terhune

When you walk into Chris and Cindy Terhune's home you will find Cindy's work-at-home office on the right and Chris's office on the left. Covid has made it possible for these two talented (former) software engineers to commute to work by walking to their respective rooms with a cup of coffee in their hands. But go back with me to when it all began.



They met in Texas at the Mobil Oil Company in 1985. Cindy had just graduated from Baylor University in Waco, TX and Chris graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, TX a couple of years earlier. While working at Mobil, they both went back to school part-time and received their MBA degrees from Southern Methodist University. In 1988, Chris took a position at Frito-Lay Inc. in Plano, TX and Cindy followed him the next year. Spending that much time together, they let the "chips" fall where they may, started dating and were married in 1991. (Frito-Lay...chips?) Today, Chris works for LPL Financial and Cindy for Ronald Blue Trust.

Chris and Cindy have been married for 30 years and have two girls, both graduated from college and married. Colette lives in Chicago with her husband, Nate, and Chelsea lives near Greenville, SC with her husband, Tyler. They are blessed to have two great sons-in law who are both strong believers. The rest of their family is mainly in North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Texas.

They were both raised in Episcopal churches. Although they each made a public profession of faith as children, it wasn't until they started studying the Bible that their faith really took root and started to grow. While living in Austin, TX, they joined a wonderful non-denominational Bible church that greatly enhanced their spiritual growth as a family. When Chris started working for LPL Financial in 2013, they moved to Fort Mill and started their search for a church that had the same kind of spiritual depth as the church that they left in TX. Over that search period of about eight years, they landed in a couple of different churches but longed for truth-filled teaching and community.

They were still searching when Covid arrived over two years ago. Covid wasn't going to stop Chris and Cindy from finding a church with the same love for Scripture. But it wasn't until they decided to pray and fast that their search led them to Eternal. They started attending Eternal in June 2021 and officially became members in November. Chris is involved in a men's Community Group, Cindy a women's Bible study and both are involved in a new Sunday evening couples CG. On most Sundays, if you look at the congregation while they are singing, Chris stands out since he is about half a head taller than anyone else.

Cindy is a problem solver by nature, and she loves any kind of puzzles. She is involved in groups with friends, neighbors, and co-workers playing games like 5 Crowns, Hand and Foot, Quiddler and Yahtzee. Chris enjoys physical activity and can be regularly found in the gym at the Indian Land YMCA. As a gift to each other on their 30th wedding anniversary, they purchased TREK bicycles so that they could take rides together. One of their favorite outings has been the Virginia Creeper Trail in Southwestern Virginia, going downhill of course. They both love to watch football. Among their favorite teams are the Baylor Bears, SMU Mustangs, Arkansas Razorbacks and Clemson Tigers on the college level and, of course given their Texas roots, the Dallas Cowboys in the NFL.

They own an all-black cat named Slash. If you are a Guns & Roses fan, you will know that the lead guitarist is named Slash and he has black hair, wears dark clothes and a large black hat. Slash, the black cat, doesn't play the guitar but is named after that legendary rock and roller.

Chris's favorite verse in 2 Corinthians 12:9 *"But he (Jesus) said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.* This verse reminds Chris who Jesus is and who he (Chris) is in Him.

One of Cindy's favorite verses is Psalm 37:4 *"Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart."* Cindy writes, "as I pursue my relationship with the Lord, He changes my desires to be aligned with His so that every desire of my heart will be satisfied."

Chris and Cindy are a delight to be with and enjoy being involved in the Eternal church community. Look for the tall guy in church and then go up to him and introduce yourself. Chances are it will be Chris and by his side, Cindy.

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