

Meet the Member Guy & Cori Rockey

Guy grew up in northwest Nebraska in a small town of 1,200 (including dogs and cats). Cori was born in Del Rio, TX just a couple of miles from the US/Mexican border. So how did they meet? Like many young high school grads, they met during their freshman year at Ambassador College, a college in Pasadena associated with the Worldwide Church of God, which has since closed their doors. Both Guy and Cori came to faith in Christ in this legalistic college known for its strict rules while attending a small church on campus. They dated throughout college and were married after Cori graduated in 1978.



Their work journey has taken them all over the US with employment in California, Missouri, Colorado, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Oregon, North Carolina, New York City and Arkansas. Such is the life of a corporate executive in retail. Guy's employment took him from stores like Belk, Filene's, G. Fox, the May Company and finally to Walmart in Bentonville, Arkansas. Cori was an accountant before becoming a stay-at-home mom. When the kids reached their teenage years, she went back to school and earned her master's degree in marriage and family counseling from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. Her most interesting assignments were with JAARS, counseling missionaries in Waxhaw, NC and at Redeemer Presbyterian Church in NYC, Tim Keller's church.

Guy and Cori have four adult children. Ryan and his wife Brooke live in Fort Mill with their twin sons, Tycho and Hayden. Their daughter, Nicole and her husband, Nathan, live in Las Vegas with their two boys, Connor and Kaleb. Devon and Kyle, their youngest at ages 35 and 33 own a house together in the Oakhurst area of Charlotte.

When their oldest son Ryan was 9 years old, his appendix burst which put him in a coma for 9 days. Guy remembers clearly going on a walk at the hospital and giving it all to God. It wasn't a barter with God. It was a full submission to his authority and will. That experience fundamentally changed Cori and Guy's relationship with Jesus. A few years later while attending a very legalistic church, God's Spirit moved in this church in a profound way. The church abandoned its strict legalistic position on doctrine and began to focus on faith in Christ alone. It had a profound effect on the whole congregation, but especially the Rockeys. Cori describes the freedom she found in God's Grace. "Suddenly Grace was everywhere. It was like a window opened and a breath of fresh air had come over their lives." Looking back on 40+ years of marriage, Guy and Cori feel very blessed to see the sovereignty of God unfold in their lives.

Guy and Cori have a variety of church backgrounds. They worship wherever the Word of God is elevated, and the Gospel of Christ is preached. It includes the Church of God, Lutheran, Congregational, Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist and Independent. They love Eternal and drive the 37 minutes to church each way to worship with us at the "Y".

Guy retired after four decades in retail to the Charlotte area. They are developing a 20-acre property just outside of York, SC complete with sheep, cows, ducks, dogs, and chickens, and a rooster who gets nasty if you get too close to his harem. Rascal (a Great Pyrenees) has the outdoor job of protecting the sheep, while Molly, (Golden Retriever) and Saddle (Cocker Spaniel) have the inside job of being cute, wanting to be petted and sitting on Cori's lap while she reads, her favorite hobby.

Cori's favorite verse is Romans 8:38-39. *For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Guy's favorite verse is Colossians 1:15-20 especially the segment that says *"...all things were created both through Jesus and for Jesus. And he is ahead, prior to all else, and in him all things hold together."*

They've named their home and property. It's called "Back Half Farms", a nod to their current season of life. It is a beautiful piece of property, and they pray that it will be used mightily for ministry by the church. It has fishing, hiking, target practice, a jacuzzi and a pool. Could there be a father/son day retreat in the future?

Say "hi" to them at church. After having worn suits, ties and brandishing a trim corporate hairstyle during many years of employment, Guy is more comfortable now with a beard and a ponytail.

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