

I was born in Litchfield, IL on March 31, 1975 to Bruce and Mindy Chulka. We lived in Staunton, IL until I was about three years old when my Dad sensed the Lord calling him into full time ministry. We moved to Kansas City, MO where he attended Calvary Bible College.

It was during our time in Kansas City when I really started understanding my need to be saved from my sins. My Mom talked to me about Jesus Christ and what He did for sinners and I remember being really concerned about my sin and hell. While my Dad was driving me to school one day, I asked him what I needed to do to be saved from my sins and avoid hell. I remember he pulled the car over and led me to the Lord.

After my Dad graduated from Calvary Bible College, he was called to his first church in Bussey, IA, an Independent Bible Church. We moved there in 1984 and stayed until 1987 when he was called to his second church.

In 1987 we moved to Bridgeton, MO where my Dad served as Pastor of Bridgeton Bible Church until 1990 when he was called to his third church.

In December of 1990, we moved to O'Fallon, MO and in 1991 my Dad began serving as Pastor of Hope Bible Church where he still serves today.

After graduating from high school in 1993, I enrolled in the Community College in our area and began a ten year career as a bank teller. I remember my Dad, although he was thankful that I was working and pursuing college, kept "encouraging" me to at least try one year of Bible College. At that time, I knew better than my parents and went to Community College instead of even considering Bible College.

While there, I was pursuing a major in Communications and, to my shame, never once put Christ first in any of these plans. The idea was that I would be there for two years; obtain my Associates Degree, and then move on to UMSL.

I had one problem though! I did very well in most of my classes, but there was one subject that I just could not pass. ALGEBRA! I was approaching the 3 ½ year mark of my career at Community College and I needed to pass Algebra to obtain my degree. Plus at this time, the Lord used a Missions Conference at our church to begin to impress upon me to serve Him in some capacity.

My last semester was to be dedicated to one class, College Algebra. If I could pass that class, then I would be able to graduate with my Associates Degree. I studied for the first test and thought I was ready. I took the test and a few days later the test was given back to me and I saw the grade, 42%!

I immediately dropped out of the class and thus finished my career at Community College. I went directly to my Dad's office at Hope Bible Church and I told him – as I was ducking – what I did, and I told him that I was ready to go to Bible College.

The following semester I began at Brookes.

It was at Brookes where I gained my firm foundation in the Word of God. Not only I, but my Dad, my Aunt, my Grandmother, and my Great Grandmother all have taken classes at Brookes as they established their firm foundation in the Word of God.

It was during my time at Brookes that I married my longsuffering girlfriend, Nanci Smith. She would be and continues to be a great support and encouragement to me.

The foundation in the Word of God that I gained at Brookes carried us on to Calvary Bible College where I continued to build on what I learned at Brookes. I graduated from Calvary Bible College in 2001 with a B.S. in Pastoral/Biblical Studies.

In spring 2002, I was ordained with Rev. Doug White leading the ordination council. Others on the council included my father, Rev. Bruce Chulka; Rev. Doug Howe, area representative with Crossworld Mission Agency; Rev. Larry DeMoss; Dr. Robert Rill, former president of Brookes Bible Institute; Charles Paine; Rev. Jim Smith, former instructor at Brookes Bible Institute; Rev. David Greiner; Ron Lusk, and Edwin Shelly.

Since moving back to the St. Charles area, Nanci and I have been blessed with two children: Claire in 2002 and Aaron in 2003. The Lord has also been very gracious in allowing me to serve with my Dad and the precious folks at Hope Bible Church as the Assistant Pastor for six and a half years.

I enjoy reading authors such as John McArthur, John Piper, Jerry Bridges, Warren Wiersbe, and H. A. Ironside; gadgets—something to challenge me along the technological line; and good coffee, of which many will vouch. I especially enjoy Highlander Grog coffee.