

## Chris Ayers Bio

Chris Ayers and his family have been attending Knollwood since 2014, after moving to Burke from Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He has been a dedicated member of the Knollwood community, serving in various roles, including Community Group Leader, Usher, Fusion Leader, Youth Group Leader, Chair of the Finance Committee, and VBS volunteer.

Chris grew up in Hockessin, Delaware, and attended Catholic school through high school as a Roman Catholic. He renewed his faith in Christ and was re-baptized in 2006 in El Paso, Texas, while stationed at Fort Bliss. He credits the Lord's steadfast love and grace for transforming his life and providing a sense of hope and purpose, with Hebrews 10:23 serving as his daily reminder. This verse encourages him to remain firm in hope and trust in God's faithfulness.

Chris and Jessica have been married for 23 years as of August and have four children: Samuel (19), Madelyn (17), Hannah (13), and Abigail (11). Jessica is from Spotsylvania, Virginia, and teaches high school biology and environmental science at Immanuel Christian High School in Alexandria.

Chris graduated from West Point in 1997 and was commissioned as an Infantry Officer. He later completed master's degrees at the Naval Postgraduate School and Penn State University. He commanded an Infantry Company in Iraq for 15 months and later served as a Product Manager with US Special Operations Command before retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel (Promotable) after 21 years on active duty in 2018. He currently works at LMI as a Practice Area Lead for Acquisition.

