Jeff is originally from central Illinois, where he spent most of his youth. He grew up a PK (pastor’s kid) watching his godly parents serve selflessly in the ministry in Illinois and Kentucky. After a brief career in radio broadcasting, Jeff attended a Bible school where he met his wife to be, Lisa. They were married in 1985 and soon began a life in the ministry. Jeff and Lisa have two children and two grandchildren. Family is a central part of their daily lives.

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When he is not spending time with his wife and family, he enjoys his Old English Sheepdog--Watson, kayaking, and spending time with friends. Jeff has published two novels: The Place of Prayer and A Reason to Pray at Mountainview. Writing is a passion that he uses in ministry to the church body.

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