

# John Munka



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## Family

I was brought up in a loving family with wonderful parents. The example my father set helped me understand the love of our heavenly Father. I've been married to my wonderful wife, Carol for 15 years. This is a second marriage for both of us. We were both raised Catholic but found our home at Cornerstone. We have a total of four amazing children (two each) and two beautiful grandchildren.

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## Spiritual

I was raised Catholic, attended St. Sebastian grade school and St. Vincent-St. Mary High School. When Carol and I moved to Medina we attended St. Francis Catholic Church. But for quite some time we had felt the call to a different faith. After our first encounter at Cornerstone in 2019, we knew we had found our new faith home.

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## Business

BA in Accounting, associate in computer science, University of Akron, 1982 graduate.

## Experience

Employed as consultant for Babcock and Wilcox International and Coopers and Lybrand, CPA's.

Built, owned and operated 7 TCBY franchise stores in Long Island, NY.

Began investment career at Shearson Lehman Hutton (1991) and Paine Webber (1992).

Formed **Munka & Risher Personal Financial Consultants** in 1994 to present. We are a full-service investment advisory company focusing on the needs of retirees.

## Church Council Biography – Joshua Long

### Introduction

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the church council at Cornerstone Chapel. I am honored to contribute to our church community and look forward to supporting our congregation in this role.



### Personal Background

I grew up in the Canton/Massillon, Ohio area and attended Jackson Local Schools. My mother was an education professor at Malone College, and my father was a structural engineer at Whitacre Engineering. I am an only child with no siblings.

### Family Life

I married my wife, Jill, in November 2008 in Massillon, Ohio. Together, we have been blessed with identical twin daughters, Addison and Ava, who were born in 2013 at just 27 weeks' gestation. After spending nearly three months in the Neonatal ICU, both Addison and Ava are now thriving and attend A.I. Root Middle School in Medina City Schools, where Jill also works as an instructional paraprofessional.

### Faith Journey

From a young age, I was raised in the church and began my relationship with Jesus Christ at Maryland Avenue Baptist Church in Canton. I was saved in 1989 and later baptized in water in 1991. My spiritual journey has led me through Baptist, Lutheran, and Presbyterian congregations before finding a church home at Cornerstone Chapel in 2018.

### Education

I began my college education at Cedarville University and later transferred to Malone College, where I completed my Bachelor of Business Management degree. In 2014, I returned to Malone to pursue and earn my Master of Business Administration degree.

### Professional Experience

My professional career started at Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., where I worked in retail support, engineering, and international accounting. When my position was outsourced overseas, I transitioned to LL Klink, a greenhouse company in Strongsville, serving first as Accounting Manager and ultimately as Vice President of Finance. Currently, I am the Chief Financial Officer for both Lorain-Medina Rural Electric Cooperative in Spencer and North Central Electric Cooperative in Attica.

### Community and Church Involvement

In addition to my work and family life, I have served on the boards of a dog rescue organization and my neighborhood association. At Cornerstone Chapel, I have had the privilege of leading small groups, participating on the offering counting team, and serving in various roles within the Next Gen department.

In October 2025, I received my ministerial license from the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel and eagerly anticipate how God will use me to advance His Kingdom.

# Matt Cecil

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## **Family Life**

Born in 1960 to two loving parents William and Marsha. Blessed with three siblings Annette (Wooster, OH), Cheryle (Wadsworth, OH), and Mark (Mansfield, OH) all are strong believers in Christ and we have a very close relationship with each other. Married my wonderful wife Connie in 1996. We have two sons (stepsons) Kelly and Corey Nash, both are married. We have three grandchildren Teagan, Thomas, and Wren. We regularly enjoy family and extended family events, traveling often to Missouri (Connie's family) and South Carolina (grandkids).

## **Career Life**

### **2009 - Current      Consulting Business      Northeast Ohio**

Started ByzSystems, LLC an independent support and services consulting business specializing in ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) software called Syspro and report writing in Crystal Reports. Clients are across the spectrum of manufacturing businesses. Client list is approx. 25 with a half dozen active any given time. I have 2 associates that support the amount of business and round out our skillsets offered.

### **1996 - 2008      IT Administration      Northeast Ohio**

During this time I worked for three different companies (food freezing equipment, chocolate candy, electronic circuit boards) supporting their computers, network, ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) software called Syspro.

### **1982 - 1995      Welder And Fabricator      Northeast Ohio**

Started working in the food equipment industry in 1982 as a metal fabricator. In 1985 started with commercial food freezing manufacturer as welder and fabricator. Stayed working with the same company for 20 years that changed ownership 5 times during my career. Went to night school for computer support and network services. Moved to Safety Mgr and IT Dept.

## **Spiritual Life**

I grew up in a New Age (Dad) and Christian (Mom) mix experience with New Age being dominate. At 25 years old started reading the Bible and being witnessed to by brother-in-law. At 28 a couple days after Christmas my dear, sweet mother tragically passed away, at that time I called to Jesus to heal my shattered heart, He came in, and my life has never been the same. Shortly after this, my siblings and I held a family Bible study for about a year.

**2004 - Current      Cornerstone Chapel      Medina, Ohio**

Came to Cornerstone for a time of refreshing. Immersive praise and worship. Rock solid Biblical instruction. Spirit-filled focus

- Member - 9/2019.
- Small Group Leadership.
- Marriage Mentors.
- Completed Growth Tracks
- Cornerstone Bible School - 9/2018.
- 3 Year Certificate in Theology: Faith Christian University.
- Marriage Mentor Training: 5/2013 w/ Don and Bonnie Sanders.
- Various activities.
- Occasional leading praise.
- Fireworks Fest, WV Christmas trip, etc.

**2009 - 2020      OCC Jail Ministry      Ashland, Ohio**

Joined the team from Orrville Christian Church for an every other Sunday service for inmates. *Called by God and it changed me.*

- Led praise and worship.
- Delivering messages on rotation.
- Offered Communion elements and meditation on rotation.
- Baptizing inmates.

**1997 - 2003      Weymouth Community      Medina, Ohio**

Very traditional worship service. Strong servants heart.

- Led contemporary praise between 1st and 2nd services.
- Help with homeless ministry.

**1990 - 1996 Church of the Resurrection Sharon Center, Ohio**

Charismatic Episcopcal church on 40+ acre park. Sadly dissolved.

- 2 short term mission trips to Jamaica. *Changed my life.*
- Baptized
- Assisted leadership with Youth Group.
- Played guitar and sang w/ worship team. Led team for 1 year.
- On crew building church building.
- On crew mowing church property.

**Other Life**

- Meet w/ prayer/sharpening buddy nearly every Sat. since 1990.
- Health and fitness
- Walking/hiking/bicycling.
- Playing guitar and some song writing.
- Some leisure travel.