

September 19, 2010



A chance meeting at the Denver International Airport--both were flying to Tucson, Arizona, after visiting family for Thanksgiving in 2006. Tommy, who lived in Peoria, was traveling for work. Brooke was returning to the University of Arizona. The couple grew up 45 minutes from each other in Colorado, but never met until they were sitting next to each other at the airport gate—and they started talking.

Tommy was born Jan. 5, 1984, in Wheat Ridge, Colorado, to Rand and Jan Wagner. He had three siblings, Bobby, Andrew and Carrie. He was home schooled and played baseball and golf at D'Evelyn High School in Colorado. He attended college at Colorado School of Mines.

Brooke was born Aug. 28, 1983, in Cape Canaveral, CO, to Bobby and Lindy Kocol. She has a younger sister, Jamie. She attended high school at Fairview, in Boulder, CO, college at the University of Northern Colorado, and graduate school at the University of Arizona.

Their first date? The week they met, Tommy wanted Brooke to go out to dinner, but she had a Christmas party at the rehabilitation hospital where she worked. So, she asked Tommy if he wanted to go to the Christmas party, and he did.

Tommy worked at Caterpillar in Peoria. Once Brooke graduated, she moved to Chicago and worked as a [speech language pathologist](#). The two saw each other on weekends. Tommy and Brooke were married on Nov. 8, 2008, in Denver, Colorado. Then Brooke moved to Peoria.

Tommy was baptized in the 5th or 6th grade. Brooke was baptized at 13, during 8th grade. Growing up, Brooke and Tommy's church backgrounds were not similar. Tommy grew up in the Baptist church and Brooke grew up in the Church of Christ. Tommy says he had no idea what a Church of Christ was, so to help him understand it a

little better, he attended a few in the Peoria area to learn. He found out there were more conservative and more liberal Churches of Christ, which he says is not uncommon with most denominations. Tommy says it was quite a bit different from his experience with Baptist churches. "The most obvious being the non instrumental worship," said Tommy.



As Brooke and Tommy grew in their relationship, he says they both really were looking for a Bible believing, Bible preaching church, and ultimately did not care about the "denomination" label--which led them to look for a Christian church. Brooke says, "We both decided to find someplace that taught main core beliefs, and somewhere that was a good match for us as well."

The Wagners were living in Washington and decided to look for Christian churches when they found WCC. After attending for several months, they felt God leading them to become members. Originally attending Church of Christ Northwest in Peoria, they were looking for a church with a younger population and one that wasn't so far a drive every Sunday.

The Wagners have both been VBS helpers. They attend the Truth Seekers Sunday School class, Monday night small group, and they will soon be helping to run the sound booth. They ran in the Heart

House race. They also went on the mission trip to the Dominican and will be with the group presenting on the 19th. They loved the Dominican, and they are already committed to going back in 2012.

Brooke says, "It's good to go to a place like that because it's good to remind you God is everywhere and is for everyone. Sometimes you forget there are more than white, middle-class Americans. When you go to another country like that, they are worshipping the same God."

Tommy's favorite scripture is Proverbs 3:5-6; Brooke's is Jeremiah 29:11-13. The last movie they watched was "Date Night". And Brooke watched "Second Hand Lions" while Tommy was gone.

The Wagners like to listen to Christian music, Modern Rock, Pop, Hip Hop, R&B. They both *definitely* do not like country.

The Wagners say they really miss the Colorado Rocky Mountains for the breathtaking views and that DRY mountain air!

Tommy works in Global Mining at Caterpillar, and Brooke works in outpatient, nursing homes, and home health care. If you haven't met Tommy and Brooke, look for them and introduce yourself!

DOMINGO

GRADES 6 - 12

FALL KICK OFF TONIGHT:

September 19th –

Cookout at the Pittman's.

ENGAGE from 5:30-7 pm

FUSION from 7-8:30 pm

Girls bring side or dessert; Boys bring chips or beverage.

TRIP TO GREAT OAKS CAMP: Sunday, Sept. 26th. We'll leave the church @ 1 pm. **ENGAGE & FUSION** will be going together. Cost: \$16. (assistance available). High Ropes course, Zip Line, Rock Climbing Wall, etc. **Sign up in the F. H. and turn in \$\$ today.** See Jon with.

connection

Held each Wednesday @ 5:30 pm. Sign up in the F.H. today! (\$3 for single, \$5 for couples, \$7 for families) followed by an Adult study and youth activities for grades K-5. **(Please note: If you sign up for the meal and have to cancel, please call the church office or Norma Sinn a.s.a.p. so we don't purchase/prepare more food than needed. Thanks.)**

washington christian village

Position Open @ WCV: Washington Christian Village has an opening for a part-time licensed beautician. Contact Stacy Brenton @ 886-2505 or come in and apply at main office @ WCV.

Volunteers Needed: WCV need's volunteers to help take residents to and from the beauty parlor at the Village. If interested in volunteering contact Jim Gorby at WCV (444-3161).

ABF ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

The following adult classes are currently available every Sunday, 9:45-10:45:

Truthseekers - hosted by Mike Bochart.

Abide - Kingdom Rhythms in a consumer culture. Host - Ed Taylor

Gems of Bible Doctrine - A new Sunday School Class to Start Soon: "Look at the Man" Sunday School Class, taught by Bert Nordhielm will soon be changed to "Gems of Bible Doctrine". Watch for updates.

Christian Sisters - through the Bible with Anamarie Morris

Bible Basics - with Leanette Libotte & Barb Shipley

jars of clay non-food pantry

September's orders need to be picked up in the Library today, Sunday, September 19th. See Rose or Bernie Bankes with questions.

circle of friends

Ladies, please join us for our September Circle of Friends meeting here at the church. We'll be gathering at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 23rd. We'd love to see you ALL there! You can't go wrong with friends and food!

etc., etc., etc.

Choir News: Choir will meet today @ 4:30 pm. Please join us! See Ben Browning or Ed Taylor with questions.

Attention Ladies: Please check closets and hangers at home if you have borrowed the church's tablecloths. We are missing 3, each edged with lace. If you sent them to the cleaners and have forgotten them up, would you call and check? The ladies believe they have been borrowed since moving back into the church. Also, no one has found the protective pads that are used under the tablecloths. Did someone end up storing these until after the refurbishing? Please let the office know.

primetimers 50+

Reminder: The Prime Timers are planning a **Hymn Sing for Sunday, Oct. 3 @ 6:30 pm** in the church auditorium. Please mark your calendar. All area churches have been invited to attend.

statistics

Offering, 9/12:.....\$7,868.10
 YTD offering:.....\$296,923.43
 Gen. Fund exp YTD:.....\$302,847.22
 Sunday School offering:.....\$71.24
 Attendance, 1st service:.....118
 Attendance, 2nd service:.....157
 Sunday School attendance:.....137

Workers Today (9-19)	
SS Nursery	B Howley, D Froebel
Wor. Nursery	K Groff, K Sheets / Jarretts
Kings Kids	Peterson's / B Howley
Wee Worship	B Osborn, E Roberts / L Libotte, A Morris

CARE Ministry	J Bochart, G Browning
Greeters	M & M Brown / T & J Schupp
Deaconess for Sept.:	C Worthington, B Patterson

Workers Next Week (9-26)	
SS Nursery	C Getz, S Gerth
Wor. Nursery	McQuillen's / Getz's
Kings Kids	Mason's, K McClintock
Wee Worship	A Morris, A Thurman / T Howley
CARE Ministry	M Bochart, R Nelson / Getz's
Greeters	Howard's / Zotz's
Deaconess for Sept.:	C Worthington, B Patterson
Communion Prayer:	Dick Sinn
Offering Med:	Rick Mason, Jesse Getz

prayers and praises

HOSPITAL: Mike Smithee - surg; Cassie Divert - needs lung transplant - Jamie Thurman's friend; Dan McAvoy - by-pass surg. - Jane Young's granddaughter's dad;

AT HOME: All of Our Missionaries; Our Leaders and our Men & Women in the Armed Forces; Debbie Walkers mom; Carl Johnson; Bob & Liz Chaney; Mignonette Wise; Hauter family - husband's leg amputation 6/25 - infected / Brenda Smith & family - husbands job - Cara Fitzgerald's friends/co-workers; Robyn Eaton - Clang's friend; Susie Daffron - dementia & Rowan Bartell-her caregiver - Carolyn Blacks mom & sister; silent request - marriage/finances; Bill Fore - radiation; Melissa Smith - health concerns - Howley's friend; Archdale/Patterson family and business decisions; Robin Tessier - job situation - Kim Taylor's sister; Carolyn Sneed - needs liver transplant - Marilyn Brown's sister; Gary Fitzgerald; Gail Kelly - Alzheimer's - Gary Whitehead's sister; Dean Kukuck - ruptured Achilles - Dawn Peterson's dad; Mike & R.J. Hoyt - jobs; Nichols - house fire - family is safe - friends of Lewellens; Jill Fosterold - fell - broke hand & thumb - surgery - 8/31 - has hip surg. in 2 weeks - Chicago - friend of Robin Nelson; Michelle Lashbrook - Christine Jarrett's sister; Jane Young - fell - in therapy; Jas Olympio - Anamarie Morris's infant great nephew; Helfrich family - 10 year old daughter, Lexi passed away 9/11 from 8 year battle w/cancer - Milestone's friend; Nola Christian - terminal cancer - Frazier's neighbor;

SHUT-INS: Sara Siever - WCSupported Living - Rm#1230; Margie Bess - Snyder Village; Gwen Kubley; Lucile Post; Gloria Berlett; Juanita McCollum; Louise Thurman - Bob Thurman's mom - WCSupported Living; Myra Snyder - Tony Snyder's sister-in-law;