

Ron began attending church with his mother and siblings as a baby. At a very young age, he began to form a negative perception of church because of the strict, tense, and seemingly unloving behavior of the people that attended there.

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During his school years, the family changed churches and Ron was a regular. Volleyball played a big part in his decision to attend! The church had a volleyball team and in order to play, one had to attend the services faithfully. Meanwhile, Ron felt his need for a relationship with Jesus and accepted Christ into his heart. During the next nine years, Ron faced some difficult times in his walk with Christ. Toward the end of that time period, he married his lovely wife, Casey. Together, they moved away from Union City and began attending a church in their new community. Ron was instrumental in helping the youth of that church raise enough money for playground equipment and to also build the playground.

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More difficult times followed and Ron and his family stopped attending church altogether and returned to Union City. The turning point in Ron's life was when his aunt reminded him that, as a father, it was his responsibility to take his children to church so they could have the opportunity to make a decision for Christ on their own. The family then began attending Wesley where Ron started to feel a need for more knowledge of Jesus and His Word. This need led him to attend an Emmaus Walk which opened his eyes to the fact that the Bible is apropos to daily living and isn't only for fulfilling a Sunday "obligation." The Emmaus Walk made such an impact on his heart and life that now Ron is a huge supporter. "Everyone should go," he states. Ron believes that "without a real relationship with Jesus Christ, it is hard to have an honest relationship with your family."

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When asked what he believed to be his purpose in the community and at Wesley, he said, "filling in the gaps. I serve wherever there is an opportunity and my skills meet that opportunity."

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