

## Leadership Team Nominee – Tom Elliott



Tom was born and raised in Newcastle, England to hippy parents. Much of his childhood was filled with church, travel, Newcastle United, and numerous other people living with the Elliott's who needed a leg up in life. As a directionless young adult, Tom signed up to work as a camp counselor at Camp Tecumseh YMCA. Working and living in this supportive, accepting

community had a profound impact on Tom, and thus he returned for several years. Tom met his wife (Hurricane) Katrina at camp, she fell for the accent ("it was the only thing I had going for me") and married a year later. Tom and Katrina have three kids (two teenagers – Ouch!) Sophie 16, Ollie 14 and Tre 9. They live in West Lafayette September-June, then at Camp Tecumseh June-August where Tom works full time.

The Elliotts have been at Riverside since 2012, involved in a lot of aspects of the Church. Katrina worked on Staff from 2013-2020. Together they led a Pod and organized the annual Variety (formerly Talent) Show for several years. Tom has taught in the children's ministry, helped in the welcome ministry and led the City Outreach Team (COT). Tom and Katrina value deep Christ centered community where people (including the kids) feel loved and connected. They also have a feeling that fun and creativity are a part of God's DNA, so try to bring it into the Church setting whenever possible.

## Leadership Team Nominee – Rita Riggerbach



Rita's family first connected with Riverside in 2010 when pastor Dan Teefey spoke at their kids' middle school. Rita grew up in Goshen, Indiana with believing parents whose life centered around church. She was baptized in her early 20s, and later as an adult, God led her to an awakening and deepening of her faith. At that time the Bible became more alive and she more

closely felt the Holy Spirit's guidance.

Rita has a bachelor's degree in social work and bachelor's and master's degrees in occupational therapy. She met her husband Kevin while singing in a community choir. After the birth of their quadruplets, she left the workforce to raise kids. Their adult children are now in their own careers scattered around the country.

As family responsibilities allowed, Rita has been active in Bible Study Fellowship over the last 20 years. At Riverside she has participated in welcome and children's ministries, women's Pod, couple's Pod, and Stephen Ministry leadership. Among her sweetest fellowship moments are those with gals in women's pod and with fellow sojourners in couple's pod.

Rita and Kevin recently retired. Rita delights in cooking, daily walks, reviving old furniture, and digging in the dirt.