

Meet the Member

Scott & Mika Broome

Scott and Mika Broome were high school sweethearts, Scott growing up in Wingate, NC and Mika in nearby Marshville. They met in World History class at Forest Hills High School and stayed connected even through college and graduate school. After high school Scott attended Wingate University graduating in 2000 and then, continued his education at UNC-Chapel Hill receiving a master's degree in hospital administration graduating in 2002. Mika fast tracked her nursing career, graduating from the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing in 2001. They were married in 2002 and Scott began his long hospital management career by completing a fellowship in healthcare management with Charlotte-based Atrium Health. Mika became an operating room nurse and later migrated into Obstetrics.



In 2003 Scott and Mika moved to Charleston, SC where they lived for 17 years. Scott rose in ranks to become the CEO of a couple of hospitals in the Lowcountry. Mika continued her nursing career until the birth of their first child, Marleigh in 2005. However, what clearly identifies Scott and Mika is the passion they share for their faith, their commitment to their children and their love of cross-cultural ministry, most significantly in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Mika's faith journey started in Vacation Bible School at the age of 9. The gospel was presented and she responded praying with a deacon in the church to receive Christ. Scott's experience was similar. At the age of 11 he responded to an altar call during Sunday evening service and prayed the sinner's prayer with the interim pastor. They grew up in Baptist churches, so believers' baptism followed each conversion as a witness to the church that the profession of faith was real. Both point to that experience as being pivotal in their faith, but it wasn't until early marriage and the stress of balancing education, work, children, and marriage that it became real. "Do we really believe what we say?" They did and made Christ the focal point in all circumstances. In the years following, they have remained closely involved in their church, including Scott serving as both a deacon and elder and Mika serving in a variety of roles within children's and women's ministry.

Their family history is unique to say the least. After giving birth to Marleigh, their first child, in 2005, they pursued adoption as a way of growing their family. They looked at adoptions in Guatemala and Ethiopia but for various reasons, those doors closed. Fortuitously, there was an adoption attorney in their church and through his efforts, they adopted Benjamin in 2009 and Madelyn in 2011. Next, they turned to China and adopted two children, Brennan in 2012 and Luke in 2015.

Their love for overseas ministries has included eastern Europe, Turkey, Jordan, Vietnam and most significantly, Afghanistan and Iraq. For example, Scott has visited Afghanistan 17 times. Scott returned to school and earned a Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies in 2015 to better prepare for this work. The work in Afghanistan and Iraq includes training in leadership development and healthcare. During 2016, Scott and another key partner formed a non-profit organization, Global Leadership Development (GLDev) to conduct this work. They remain closely involved with these efforts. Given current events in Afghanistan, the work there is currently more humanitarian focused, while the Iraq program continues with offering both leadership development and health training.

In 2020, Scott became the CEO for the Medical University of South Carolina's (MUSC Health) Lancaster Division, where it operates two hospitals and a number of ambulatory sites. The family moved from Charleston to Rock Hill across from the Catawba River just above the Dam at that time. Their whole family loves water sports and can be seen frequently on the water wakeboarding or cruising up and down the river. Scott is a golfer having played regularly throughout high school and college. Now, work demands keep him from playing as regularly as he would like, and running, boating and reading have become preferred interests. Mika exercises using her Peloton bike and enjoys reading and cooking.

At Eternal, they love the beautiful songs of praise and especially Don's exegetical approach to preaching. Don "can derive explanation, interpretation, illustration, and application from the intent of the original author". They turn to 2 Timothy 3:16 for their guidance.

Mika's favorite verse is Romans 8:1-2. *"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death."*

Scott's favorite is Romans 8:15-16. *"The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship.^[a] And by him we cry, "Abba,^[b] Father."¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children."*

Recently four of their children were baptized at Eternal. What a joy for them to see their legacy of faith passed down to their family.

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