

MARINERS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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Mark Thomas - Board Chair



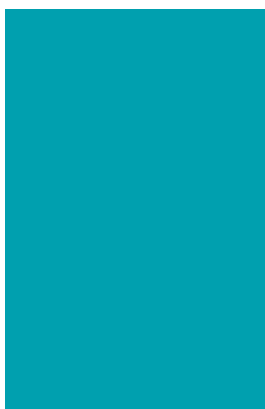
Mark and Lynda have been married for 24 years and have four children – Ryan (MCS class of 2002), Melanee (MCS class of 2005), Madison (MCS class of 2010), and Troy (5th grade). Mark and Lynda both grew up in Orange County and both graduated from Biola University: Mark with a degree in accounting and Lynda with a degree in communications. Mark is a partner with KPMG, an accounting firm, where he has worked for 26 years. He currently leads their Education and Not-for-Profit practice in the Western United States. Mark recently served as Chairman of the Elder Board at Mariners Church where he and his family attend, and he also serves on the board of Orangewood Children's Foundation.

Scott Benson



Scott and Elly Benson have been married for 21 years and have three children. Annie (MCS Class of 2007) is a senior at Woodbridge High School; Emily (MCS Class of 2009) is a sophomore at Woodbridge High School; and Scotty, Jr. is a 7th grader at MCS. Scott earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Southern Methodist University before completing graduate work at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School where he received both a Master of Divinity degree and a Doctor of Ministry degree. Scott is a youth ministry veteran, having served in three local churches as High School Pastor for 16 years. Moving to Orange County in 1998, Scott joined the staff of Mariners Church as Small Groups Pastor. He also served at Saddleback Church as Spiritual Growth Pastor, The Crossing Church as Executive Pastor, and HomeWord (a national ministry led by Jim Burns to equip parents in building God-honoring families). Currently Scott is the Executive Pastor of Ministries at Friends Church in Yorba Linda. Prior to joining the MCS Board, Scott co-chaired the Pastor/Educator advisory group in an MCS Head of School search and served on the MCS Spiritual Life committee. As a father and pastor, Scott has tremendous passion for helping students grow in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ in becoming more like Him.

Bill Daily



Bill and Sally Daily have been married for 2 ½ years and have two children – Colin (3rd Grade) and Alex, just 4 months old. With over 30 years of diversified experience in consumer marketing and market-driven advertising, Bill is currently consulting with client management teams, leading them in product positioning, branding and creative messaging. His executive leadership experience has produced significant growth on a number of national brands, most notably Gatorade, MasterCard & Oakley. Most recently, Bill has used his gifts to assist Christian ministries and non-profits, including leading the sales and marketing teams of Saddleback Resources, a division of Saddleback Church. As a fairly new father, he is passionate about the growth and development of his two sons, and the role MCS can play in the spiritual formation of its students. Bill graduated from the University of Missouri with two degrees, a BS in Psychology and a BJ in Journalism.

Pat Daniels



Pat and Denise have been married for 21 years and have two children - Jared (MCS class of 2010) and Madeline (6th grade). The Daniels first began attending Mariners Church in 1990, and Pat is currently an Associate Elder there after serving two terms on the Elder Board. He currently is part of the Elder training leadership team and also has served as Chairman of the Oversight Committee (now called the Executive Council). Denise and Pat both attended the University of Texas at Austin, where Pat received a Bachelors of Science in Civil Engineering and a Masters of Business Administration. Pat is Managing Partner at MSJ Partners, a commercial real-estate investment and development company, which he co-founded in 2002.

Beth Ganem



Beth and Tony have been married for 9 years and have 2 children – Gigi (2nd Grade) & Antonio (K). They have been attending Mariners Church for 13 years. Tony is currently an Associate Elder and Beth is a part-time Executive Pastor. Beth earned her Master’s degree in Human Resources and her B.S. in Finance from West Virginia University while Tony earned his Doctor of Chiropractic from The Los Angeles College of Chiropractic and his B.S. from California State University at Fullerton in Physics. Tony is owner of Bodypro Wellness Center. As a seasoned executive working with Fortune 100 companies, Beth Ganem has consulted as a strategic advisor and coach to numerous CEO’s, Presidents and senior level managers, aligning both her passion for excellence and focus on flawless execution. Beth is currently working as a management consultant with

The Table Group (TTG), a Patrick Lencioni Company. TTG is dedicated to helping organizations of all kinds function more effectively through improved executive leadership, teamwork, and overall organizational health. Prior to TTG, Beth was Executive Vice President, Human Resources for WaMu, now a JPMorgan Chase Company. Beth’s experience encompasses public offerings, business crises, turnarounds, as well as high growth environments.

Kelly Kannwischer



Kelly and Richard have been married for 12 years and have two daughters, Danica (2nd grade) and Ashby (1st grade). Kelly serves as the Vice President for University Advancement at Vanguard University. In this position, Kelly provides strategic leadership for Vanguard’s development, university relations and marketing and communications initiatives. Kelly’s career has been as a not-for-profit consultant and executive, working for clients such as World Vision, Willow Creek Community Church, and Presbyterian Global Fellowship. Kelly is married to Richard Kannwischer, who is the senior pastor of St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church in Newport Beach. Kelly earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Virginia and a Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary. Kelly enjoys playing golf and bike rides with her family.

Ruth Kobayashi



Ruth and Don Kobayashi have been married for 24 years and have two children – Lauren (8th grade) and Kelly (6th grade). The Kobayashi's met at Calvary Chapel-Costa Mesa and have attended Mariners Church for over 20 years, where she and Don have served in several leadership capacities. She received her B.A. in Communications from Pepperdine University in 1980. Ruth spent the first five years of her sales career at Xerox, and the next 15 years in computer sales for Digital Equipment Corporation, which was acquired by Compaq Computer and later by Hewlett-Packard. Since retiring from the technology industry, she has made raising her children her full-time job. Ruth served as the President of the Parent Council at Newport Coast Preschool. Today she enjoys volunteering with her children's soccer club. Ruth is passionate about MCS and about reaching out to families in her community for Christ.

Kevin Martin



Kevin and Devon have been married for 12 years and have three children, all attend MCS: Makena (8th grade), Madelyn (5th grade), and Ryan (2nd grade). Kevin has served on the MCS Advancement Council for three years. He is a graduate of Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill, California, is the owner and President of SunCoast Golf, and a partner and member of the Board of Directors for several hotels and resorts in California. Kevin currently serves on the boards of the Forest Home Foundation and The Henry Ohlhoff House in San Francisco. The Martins attend Mariners Church and St. Andrews Presbyterian. Kevin is passionate about MCS and desires to use his gifts to serve the school.

Lisa Morsey



Lisa and Matt Morsey have been married for 14 years and have two children, Mackenzie (8th grade) and Michael (6th grade). The Morseys have attended Mariners Church for over 15 years where Lisa has been involved with Children's and Women's ministries and Matt is currently an Associate Elder and a member of Mariners Executive Council. Lisa graduated from North Carolina State University with a degree in Industrial Engineering. She worked for General Electric and was the CEO of Casablanca Ceiling Fans before starting Coast Acceptance Corporation with Matt. She is currently the CFO of Coast Acceptance and has been serving on the MCS Finance committee for the past year.