

Potential Elder Candidate:

# Tom Maxwell

What site do you attend?

We attend the North site.

Where did you grow up?

I grew up on a small farm close to Jackson Center, Ohio, which is 30 miles south of Lima, Ohio. Carin grew up in Western Indiana.

What is your family background (kids, grandkids, etc.)?

We have been married 40 years. We have three children; Eric, Susan, and Michael-Jon. Eric and Susan are both enjoying heaven with Jesus. Michael-Jon lives with his family outside of Austin, Texas. We have 7 grandchildren. Four children from Susan and three children from MJ, as we call him. We just became great grandparents with our first great grandson, Henry Mason Newell, who was born to Susan's oldest daughter. She lives in Georgia as well as the rest of Susan's children.

What is one of your favorite verses and why (in one sentence)?

Romans 1:16 - For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. This verse was given me when I was confirmed at 14 in the Lutheran Church. I have tried to live out this verse throughout my life and to witness to the gospel and love of Jesus to others around me.

What is you and your wife's favorite date night location?

Our favorite date night is just sitting on the couch in the great room and watching a Hallmark Mystery Movie.

What is your least favorite food?

My least favorite food is anything Italian.

What is one of your favorite movies?

My favorite movies are "Westside Story" and "A Christmas Carol".

What do you love most about Grace Gathering (in one sentence)?

I love the fact to GG strives to stay true to God's word and strives to hear what God is saying and being obedient to what He says.

What are you most excited about regarding the future of Grace (one sentence)?

I'm excited that GG is wanting to be obedient to follow the H.S., not only individually, but for GG community and also New Haven, Fort Wayne, the region, and beyond.

