

## **Kim & Mike Dykes**

Mike grew up on Lake Sante Fe and graduated from Keystone Heights High School in 1979 as a "Keystone Indian" with tribal credentials. Kim grew up in LaBelle Florida and graduated as a "LaBelle Cowboy" as class Valedictorian in 1980. They later met at the University of Florida and were married in May 1985 (Mike admits to marrying up) and have been playing "Cowboys and Indians" ever since. They both graduated as Civil Engineers in December of 1985. Kim's father Walter Howard was also an engineer and worked for Ben Hill Griffin Junior for many years. You might recognize that name from Florida field. Kim's mom Ruth is a retired School teacher. Similarly, Mike's dad was an engineer for Bell South and is now retired and Mike's mom is also a retired school teacher from Keystone Heights High School.

Mike has been working as a Consulting engineer for 30 years and is Vice President of CH2M, which was recently purchased by Jacobs engineering. Kim followed the steps of her mom and mother-in-law and has been a school teacher at Keystone High School for 26 years. They have three sons Dustin, Ben and Parker, all of which work for Jacobs too. They have one daughter-in-law Miranda who is married to Dustin. Ben, their middle son will be getting married in June to Taylor Semione, which will add one more female to the mix which has been predominately "male".

Mike and Kim are members of CrossPoint Church and enjoy worshipping, discipling, and ministering to others there. They host a community group at their house on Monday nights where time is spent with fellow CrossPointers and others where folks can be themselves, enjoy good food, Bible study, and share life. Anyone is welcome to attend. Mike also plays drums in the CrossPoint Praise band with two of his sons who play guitars, his brother Mark who leads the worship on the keyboard, and Tom the base man. Kim serves as Church treasurer along with many other things she does.

As hobbies Mike enjoys working out and spending time in the outdoors hunting and fishing with his boys, daughter in law(s), and friends. Kim enjoys spending time with her family, working out, cooking, and educating kids to be the best they can be. Mike and Kim have been members of Genesis for several years and Mike claims it is the cheapest therapy you can buy. They usually are there early in the mornings before work with other members that are a hoot and a pleasure to start the day with. Kim and Mike both agree if they could have dinner with anyone it would be Jesus.

One of Mike's favorite quotes is from the movie Patriot..."aim small, miss small".

Kim's favorite quote is from Thomas Edison which is "I have not failed, I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work". Hopefully, it is an inspiration to her students to continue to persevere and strive to become the best that they can be.