

## **CLINTON TEPPER.**

### Born:

2/11/1972

### Marital Status:

Married to Michelle since 1998. Have two kids Hayley (4), Zac (2) and another on the way!

### Profession:

Forest Scientist with Heartwood Plantations in Gippsland.

### Education:

Bachelor of Forest Science, Melbourne University (1994).

### Current Address:

Warragul

### Favourite verse:

Too many to mention. Micah 6:8 would be one of them: "Act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God".

I was fortunate to grow up in a solid Christian home. We worshipped regularly as a family at the Lutheran church in Shepparton. On leaving home to go to University in 1991 I was exposed to many different denominations and ideas that both challenged and strengthened my God given faith, ultimately preparing me for adult life and most importantly Christian service.

For the past 8 years our growing family has worshipped at Rokeby Baptist Church near Warragul. I am actively involved in this congregation as a member of the missionary committee, service leader and lay preacher (~4 times per year). I have also served as a Christian Religious Education (CRE) teacher for the last three years at Ellinbank and Trafalgar Primary Schools.

In 2008, I assisted my work colleague, Jon Lambert to establish the not for profit foundation - Beyond Subsistence (BS) which partners Christian organizations in Africa to provide forestry expertise where required. In Jan 2009, I travelled to Niger in Africa for BS to further develop the forestry component of the Serving in Mission (SIM) project "Sowing Seeds in the Sahel". I've been listening to LIFE FM more regularly for two years. The station has a great role to play across the Christian and secular community in Gippsland. This station is a fantastic tool for empowering Christians to develop their faith and service potential for the Lord, because it helps us fulfill the direction provided by Philippians 4:8 - whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things. This station brings God into a community that is full of worldly idols and largely bereft of God's light - his life. A significant sector of the secular community yearns for wholesome family oriented entertainment. LIFE FM provides this and has a vital role to play as a medium to show God's love to the wider community in Gippsland.

I am excited by the potential of LIFE FM to serve our Lord and seek the opportunity to assist through election to the station's board.