

Tim Funk, Administrator



Tim worked as an electrician for local contractors in the Peoria area for 10 years prior going to work for Caterpillar Inc., where he worked for 26 years. He completed management training at Bradley University where he also earned a Bachelor of Science degree. He left Caterpillar in 2015 where he served as a business manager. Tim's experience with leading and developing teams by incorporating various process and problem solving tools serve him well in the administrator role for Apostolic Christian Counseling and Family Services.

Tim and his wife Debi live in Peoria, IL. They have four sons, three daughters-in-law and seven dear grandchildren. They are active members in the Apostolic Christian Church of Peoria where Tim also serves as the elder.

Bill Schmidgall, Church Outreach Services Specialist & Discipleship Counselor



Bill farmed several years before beginning a 24-year career with the U.S. Postal Service. He served 20 years in management as a postmaster and was also a mediator and a workplace environment consultant as well as a training facilitator. He retired from the Postal Service in March of 2009 and joined ACCFS as the Church Outreach Services Director. At ACCFS, he currently serves as Church Outreach Specialist and oversees the Apostolic Christian Way of Purity and Way of Temperance, Bible Study development, and the ACCFS website. Bill also has training in the diagnosis and treatment of sexual addiction and has significant experience as a discipleship counselor working with people struggling with pornography, sexual addiction, life transitions, and spiritual challenges. He is a member of the American Association of Christian Counselors.

Bill and his wife Anna live in Fairbury, Illinois and have three married daughters and ten grandchildren. Bill and Anna are active members in the Apostolic Christian Church of Fairbury, IL.

Ron Messner, LCSW; ACCFS Spiritual Director & Clinical Social Worker



Clinical Specialties: Marital and family counseling; situations where mental health and spiritual issues become entwined; adjustment disorders

Populations Served: Primarily adults (adolescents on a case-by-case basis)

Other Services: Consultations to clergy and mental health professionals

Profile

Ron is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) in the State of Illinois. He received a Master's in Social Work from the University of Indiana in 1979.

He worked in outpatient mental health services in Indiana for two years before moving to Morton, Illinois to work at Apostolic Christian Timber Ridge; a large facility for individuals with developmental disabilities. Since 1994, Ron has served as Administrator of ACTR. From 1982 to 2000, Ron maintained a small independent private counseling practice. He merged his private practice with ACCFS in 2000. Currently, Ron serves as the ACCFS Spiritual Director and is also a part-time therapist.

His counseling experience is primarily with adults. His special interests are in marriage and relationship issues, adjustment problems, and helping people understand how mental health issues relate to their spirituality and faith. In addition, he has worked with people dealing with depression, anxiety disorders, and obsessive-compulsive scrupulosity.

He is a member of the National Association of Social Workers. Ron and his wife, Pam, live in Morton, have three adult children and four grandchildren, and are active members of the Apostolic Christian Church of Washington, IL where Ron also serves as the elder.

Craig Stickling, LCPC; Clinical Professional Counselor



Profile

Craig is a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC) in the State of Illinois. He received a Bachelor's degree in Education in 1988 and a Master's degree in Counseling in 1993; both from Illinois State University.

He has been employed as a school counselor by Pekin School District 108 since 1993. During that time he has worked with both Primary and Junior High school aged students. In addition, he has experience working with young adults in a Family Education Program.

Craig joined ACCFS in 2001 and works primarily with children, adolescents, and their families. He has a heart for helping children and adolescents grow into who God designed them to be.

Craig is a member of the National Institute for Trauma and Loss in Children and is a certified trauma and loss specialist. Craig and his wife Jacki reside in Peoria, IL and have three daughters. They are active members of the Apostolic Christian Church of Peoria, IL where Craig also serves as a minister.

Clinical Specialties: Trauma and loss, education about healthy sexual development, managing anxiety, parent training, establishing discipline plans, ADHD/ADD, and school issues such as peer relationship problems and school refusal

Populations Served: Children, adolescents, young adults, and their families

Other Services: Consultations with school personnel

Brian Sutter, LCPC; Clinical Professional Counselor



Clinical Specialties: Trauma, loss, attachment, parent training, child behavior problems, anxiety and depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD)

Populations Served: Children, adolescents, and adults

Profile

Brian is a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC) in the State of Illinois. He received his Master's degree in Counseling from Western Illinois University in 2007. Prior to this he received a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Illinois State University in 2005.

During his graduate training he worked at the Antioch Group serving adults, adolescents, and children with various needs. After graduating, he worked at Lutheran Social Services of Illinois as a mental health counselor until 2009. During this time, he worked with children who were in foster care along with parents who had their children taken out of their care and were working toward reuniting with their children.

Brian began working at ACCFS in 2009. He has a special interest in helping parents and children who have difficult relationship challenges to bond and have healthy family relationships. To assist in these areas, Brian has received training in trauma and attachment in children.

He is a member of the American Association of Christian Counselors. Brian and his wife Alison live in Washington, have three children, and are members of the Apostolic Christian Church of Washington, IL.

Ted Witzig, Jr., PhD, LCPC; ACCFS Clinical Director & Clinical Psychologist



Clinical Specialties: Anxiety and mood disorders, obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) with an emphasis on scrupulosity and the treatment of obsessions, PTSD and trauma

Populations Served: Primarily adults

Other Services: Consultations to clergy and mental health professionals; psychological testing and assessment

Profile

Ted is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist in the State of Illinois. He received his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Fielding Graduate University in 2004. Prior to receiving his doctorate, he received a Master's degree in Counseling Psychology from Illinois State University in 1997 and a Master's degree in Clinical Psychology from Fielding Graduate University in 2001.

He has clinical experience in a variety of settings including outpatient counseling (in a group private practice - The Antioch Group, an employee assistance program, and a university counseling center) and in doing psychological testing and assessment (at The Antioch Group, an ADHD assessment clinic, in a sex offender/domestic violence perpetrator assessment and treatment program, and in a hospital-based acute rehabilitation unit with patients with head injuries, brain tumors, and strokes.)

Ted has had the privilege of working with people with OCD and their families since 1999. His primary specialty is with scrupulosity (OCD entwined in religious and moral matters) and primarily obsessional forms of OCD (violent/sexual obsessions). He has [published research](#) on obsessional beliefs, religious beliefs and scrupulosity in Fundamental Protestant Christians. He graduated from the International OCD Foundation's (IOCDF) Behavior Therapy Training Institute (BTTI), attended numerous advanced behavior therapy trainings, and continues to seek and apply the latest findings in OCD research. He has presented topics at IOCDF Annual Conferences and participated on panels discussing scrupulosity as well as on improving treatment for people with OCD through the use of videoconferencing. He seeks to provide care in a way that is both sensitive to his clients' religious and spiritual beliefs and clinically effective. Through www.scrupulosity.org he hopes to disseminate information on scrupulosity to sufferers, their families, clergy, and mental health professionals.

Ted started working at ACCFS in 2000 and currently serves as ACCFS' Clinical Director. He is a professional member of the Christian Association for Psychological Studies, the International OCD Foundation, and the American Psychological Association. Ted and his wife, Donna, have identical twin daughters and are active members of the Apostolic Christian Church of Morton, IL where Ted also serves as a minister. His roles as both psychologist and minister give him a special desire to help individuals whose mental health and spiritual issues become entwined.

Cheryl Ricketts, Bookkeeper



Cheryl received an Associate's Degree in Accounting from J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College in Richmond, VA in 1979. She worked at at Simmon's Oil Corp as a Senior Accountant in Phoenix, AZ from 1980 and 1984.

Cheryl married her husband, Jon, in 1982, moved to Illinois, and worked at Heights Finance in Peoria as a bookkeeper from 1984 to 1986. After raising her family, Cheryl worked at Peoria Christian School part-time as a bookkeeper and also at Heinold-Banwart CPA firm during tax season. She began working at ACCFS in 2009 as an Accountant/Bookkeeper.

Cheryl and Jon live in Washington, have four adult children, one grandchild, and are active members of the Apostolic Christian Church of Washington, IL.

Karen Knapp, Head Receptionist



Karen received her Associates in Science Degree in 1991. Karen was in the management field for five years prior to becoming a wife and mother of four children. Karen was hired in February 2010 as Head Receptionist for ACCFS.

In her position as Head Receptionist, Karen is responsible for meeting client's needs, taking incoming calls, and other front office tasks. She also supervises the Second Receptionist and Part-time Receptionist, maintains client information in databases, and maintains a referral database of counseling resources throughout the United States.

Karen completes tasks for the counselors, provides assessments to clients, monitors the security system, and assists with HIPAA compliance regulations.

Karen and Benj, her husband, reside in Eureka IL, have 2 sons, 1 daughter-in-law, and 2 daughters, and are active members of the Apostolic Christian Church of Washington, IL.

Larisa Wettstein, Part-Time Administrative Assistant



Larisa graduated from Eureka High School, in Eureka, IL. During her senior year, she worked at Eureka Community Bank as a teller and processed checks through the STCP program. Larisa received an Associate's Degree in Office Professional from Illinois Central College in May of 2003. She worked at American Express Financial Advisors as an Administrative Assistant from August 2002 to October of 2003.

Larisa received her certificate in Floral Design from the Floral Design Institute, Seattle, WA in May of 2005. She worked as a floral designer at Garden Gate Floral from October of 2003 to December 2006. Larisa worked at Morton Community Bank from January to October of 2007 in Deposit Operations; in this position she opened new accounts and was a teller. She joined ACCFS in October, 2007 as the Receptionist and Administrative Assistant. In February, 2010, after the birth of her daughter, she moved to a Part-Time Administrative Assistant position working from home.

Larisa is married to Curt Wettstein and they live in Trevor, WI with their two daughters and one son. She and Curt are active members of the Apostolic Christian Church of Belvidere, IL.

Phyllis Leman, Counseling Administrative Support



Phyllis is a graduate of Eureka High School in Eureka, IL and received her nursing diploma from St. Francis School of Nursing in 1977. She worked as a Pediatric Nurse at OSF from 1977 to 2004. Phyllis joined the staff at ACCFS in Dec. of 2010.

In her position as Administrative Support for the Counseling Department, Phyllis is responsible for maintaining the Referral Database and researching and screening new referrals (professionals that we refer clients to) as needed.

Phyllis and her husband Scott live in rural Eureka, IL and have two sons living at home. Scott and Phyllis are members of the Apostolic Christian Church of Eureka, IL.

Amber Miller, LCSW; Clinical Social Worker



Clinical Specialties: Singleness, missionary care, trauma and loss, women's issues, self-worth and identity.

Population Served: Children, adolescents, and adults

Profile

Amber is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) in the state of Illinois. She graduated from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign in 2012 with a Master's degree in Social Work. Amber worked in the horticulture industry for several years before being called into the counseling field.

During her graduate training, Amber worked at Lutheran Social Services of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana, serving children and parents involved with the foster care system. Throughout graduate school, her areas of interest were culture, attachment, and identity issues in adoption and foster care cases.

Through different opportunities, Amber has developed a passion for supporting individuals and families serving in ministry roles, both in the States as well as on the mission field. Helping individuals increase self-awareness, develop healthy boundaries, strengthen connections and monitor stress through seasons of transition and loss, are areas of focus.

Amber also enjoys working with young females as they transition into adulthood. She particularly has an interest in working with individuals processing past abuse and those struggling in the areas of relationships, self-respect, self-harm, disordered eating, and body image.

She is a member of the American Association of Christian Counselors. Amber resides in Champaign where she is an active member of the Apostolic Christian Church of Champaign, IL.

Crystal Hodel, Administrative Assistant



Crystal is a graduate of Illinois State University where she received a Bachelor's in Human Resource Management in 2010. She worked for six years as the HR Generalist for Precision Planting in Tremont prior to coming to ACCFS in March of 2017.

In her position as Administrative Assistant, Crystal is responsible for general office support, working with the Clinical Director and Church Outreach Director on projects, social media support, and overall ACCFS projects.

Crystal resides in Normal and is a member of the Apostolic Christian Church of Gridley, IL.

Arlan Miller, Church Outreach Services Director



After the completion of his Bachelor's degree in Social Science Education at Illinois State University, Arlan spent 10 years at Pekin Community High School in the Social Studies classroom. He completed his Master's degree in Educational Administration during this time. Arlan and his wife, Katie, became involved with the Apostolic Christian Mentoring program at Illinois State University in 2009 and continue to serve the students in this university environment. In July of 2011, Arlan began work at Watershed Foods in Gridley, IL. Throughout his two and a half years at this company, he served in various managerial and organizational development capacities, from Production Supervisor to Procurement Director and Forecaster. Arlan started his service with ACCFS in January of 2014 as Church Outreach Director.

Arlan and Katie live in Gridley, IL, with their two children, Haven and Covenant. They are members of the Apostolic Christian Church of Gridley, IL.

Kaleb Beyer, LMFT; Marriage and Family Therapist



Clinical Specialties: Pre-marital, marriage enrichment, marital conflict and reconciliation, family therapy, anxiety and depression, trauma and loss

Populations Served: Primarily adults

Other Services: Facilitates PREPARE/ENRICH and SYMBIS assessments; specialized training in Gottman Method Couples Therapy (GMCT) and Emotionally Focused Couples Therapy (EFCT)

Profile

Kaleb graduated from Kansas State University (KSU) in December 2013 with a Master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy and a graduate certificate in Conflict Resolution. He received his Bachelor's degree in Grain Science and Management in 2001. Kaleb spent 10 years working for Wenger Manufacturing Inc. in Sabetha, KS, where he served in various capacities prior to being called into the counseling field.

During graduate training, he had the opportunity to work in a few different settings including: a university counseling center (serving students with various needs including adjustment concerns, relationship issues, anxiety and depression); a church-based premarital counseling program (providing premarital counseling, clinical assessment, and relationship psycho-education); and the KSU family center (providing individual, couples, and family therapy).

Kaleb began at ACCFS in January, 2014 and received his Marriage and Family Therapy license in June, 2016. He is a member of the American Association of Christian Counselors and the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. Kaleb and his wife, Angela, have four children. They reside in Morton, IL and are members of the Apostolic Christian Church of Washington, IL.

Katie Miller, Publications Editor



Katie graduated with a Bachelor's degree in History & Secondary Education from Iowa State University in December of 2002. Katie has taught various subjects in addition to learning and study skills at Normal Community High School, Lighthouse Academy in Peoria, Sylvan Learning Centers, and most recently at Pekin Community High School. Katie came to work at ACCFS as a Publications Editor in May of 2014.

Katie resides in Gridley, IL with her husband, Arlan, and their two children, Haven and Covenant. Katie and Arlan are members of the Apostolic Christian Church of Gridley, IL.

Roger Gasser, LPCC, CADAC IV; Professional Clinical Counselor



Clinical Specialties: Counseling for alcohol, drug, and sexual addiction issues; support to families and churches trying to help individuals dealing with addictions; depression; coping with serious medical illness.

Populations Served: Teenagers and adults; families

Profile

Roger is a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) in the State of Ohio, credentialed in the State of Indiana as a Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC), and is a Certified Alcohol and Chemical Dependency Counselor (CADAC IV). He received Bachelor's and Master's degrees from The University of Akron in 1976 and 1980, respectively. He received his Master's degree in Counseling from Indiana/Purdue University at Fort Wayne in 2002.

Roger taught in both public and private schools for over 30 years, beginning counseling training while yet a teacher. During graduate training he worked at Westwood Behavioral Health Center (Van Wert, OH), and became involved with addictions work relating to both adolescents and adults. He later took a part-time position as an addictions counselor at The Turning Point, Paulding, OH. Following his teaching career, Roger worked as a counselor for Gateway Woods Family Services in Leo, IN for 5 years. At Gateway Woods, he worked with residents and their families, dealing with a variety of behavioral, social, and mental health issues. Roger was involved in the creation of their Drug & Alcohol treatment program started in 2012.

Roger came to ACCFS in 2014, and works out of the Paulding, OH office. He has a special interest in helping individuals and families overcome the habits which destroy personal well-being and relationships, and thus find joy in daily living.

He is a member of the Indiana Counselor's Association on Alcohol & Drug Abuse and the American Association of Christian Counselors. He lives with his wife Sue in the Paulding, OH area, and they are members of the Apostolic Christian Church of Junction, OH. Roger and Sue have six children living outside the home and thirteen grandchildren.

Matt Kaufmann, Church Outreach Teacher



After completing his bachelor's degree in Mathematics Education at Illinois State University, Matt spent nearly 15 years in mathematics education. His profession led him to urban, rural, private, and public schools K-12. Most of his years were spent employed by Bloomington High School. Matt was called into the pulpit ministry in Bloomington in 2005.

Feeling called to disciple, Matt has a love for the church. He feels the Lord's pleasure most when he contends for the unity of the faith, and the knowledge of the Son of God through teaching. He felt God's leading to serve the brotherhood more fully through the services at ACCFS which he joined 2015 as Church Outreach Teacher. In this role, Matt will provide teaching services to Apostolic Christian congregations, including training, seminars, presentations, Bible studies, and other resources.

Matt and his wife Rebekah live in rural Carlock, IL, with their five children, Joshua, Darci, Aria, Garrison, and Hans. They are members of the Apostolic Christian Church of Bloomington, IL where Matt serves as a minister.