

“Member Profile”

This week’s feature : Evan Saunders



Evan was born in Burnsville, Minnesota. He grew up in North Olmsted with a brother, Lee (age 33), and sister Emily (age 36). His parents Dave and Jan are long time members of Prince of Peace. After graduating high school, he studied at the University of Cincinnati majoring in Electrical Engineering Technology and minoring in Business Administration.

He has been working as an account manager at Beckett Thermal Solutions (formerly Beckett Gas, Inc.) since he graduated in 2018. In this role, he works with a number of large HVAC manufacturers. Evan has helped implement several softwares, is a member of their social media team, manages and recruits for their co-op program, along with many other responsibilities. Prior to Beckett, he co-oped for iHeartRadio in Cincinnati, Ridge Tool (RIGID) in Elyria, and Matrix Technologies in Toledo.

The Saunders family had moved from Minnesota to Ohio at Christmastime in 1997 when Evan was 3 years old. He was baptized shortly after his family joined POP the following year, where he grew up and became a member. Evan has been involved in many groups and missions within our congregation and the community. He devotes much time and energy as a member of church council, a member of the Peace Pavilion (outdoor worship area) committee, an audio/visual technician, a backup sound board operator. Other areas of service include an occasional backup musician for the Crossfire praise band, Adult Interact Class, Buds n Suds, and previously helped run the Agape Feast coffeehouse service and the Wrestling With The Faith (WWTF) podcast. Evan was a member of the Call Committee that brought Pastor Charlie to POP. Wow, that is the definition of engagement!

In his free time his interests include his love for music, through playing instruments (guitar, bass, and drums) and collecting records. He plays various sports, such as golf, soccer, and bowling. Whether at home or with family and friends, Evan enjoys cooking, baking, collecting (and enjoying) whiskeys, and making fun cocktails. He is also a big fan of Star Wars, Lord of the Rings, Marvel, and many other sci-fi and fantasy properties through books, movies, and video games.

People may not know that Evan has built two electric guitars. Merging his love of music and his engineering background, these experiences were so much fun for him. He has several more ideas in his head that he is excited to build at some point. Feel free to ask him about them - he's always happy to talk about them!

Every week we learn the story of another member's Faith Journey. Evan has shown his actions and service are a reflection of Christ and how He Loves! You will find him at the contemporary service contributing each week, have a cup of coffee afterwards and make a new friend.

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