



Randy Poe started at Dawson in June 2015 as the Associate Minister to Missions, where he served alongside Ben Hale and our **Go Love Tell** partners. Randy's background is in business, which provided the perfect skill set for him to transition to Business Administrator in 2019. Randy grew up as a missionary kid in Chile and is fluent in Spanish. He and his family are very involved at Dawson and also with Dawson's Hispanic Congregation. Learn more about Randy from the questions below.

TEN MINUTE TALK

A Series of Rapid-Fire Questions With Dawson Staff Members

Favorite outdoor activity?

All I do outside is play with my kids and my dogs.

What's your beverage of choice?

Root beer.

Do you have pets?

2 dogs, Captain and Buddy.

What's the first thing you do when you wake up?

I pray and then I get ready for the day.

Best vacation you've ever taken?

Family vacation to Disney World.

What's a surprise fact that we wouldn't know?

I almost joined the FBI. I wanted to be an FBI agent. I went all the way through the process. I did the background check, I did the physical test, I did the Spanish language test, and I got to the final interview and withdrew my application to get married.

Do you collect anything?

Yes, antique circus items. Circus programs, circus toys. I also collect Bibles in other languages.

What would you do with a free day all to yourself?

I would go antique shopping.

Favorite conspiracy theory?

I believe there's a room with really wealthy people in it that make all the decisions that sway everything, regardless of politics. JFK...just saying.

Favorite spot in Birmingham?

The Alabama Theater.

What song do you always have to sing along with?

Livin' On A Prayer by Bon Jovi.

What was your major in college?

Business Administration.

Are you a good dancer?

Absolutely not. No rhythm. Zero.

How did you meet your wife?

In college at Samford. I saw her across the cafeteria floor. I talked to her friend to get information. Then I went to an outdoor recreation organization to hang out where she hung out until she noticed me.

Who is your favorite Disney princess?

Aurora from *Sleeping Beauty*. I like the idea that the prince will do anything to get to her, to rescue her.

Did you participate in any clubs or sports in high school?

Basketball. I played volleyball, I played softball, it was all sports, all the time, but basketball was the love.

Would you go to the future if you could?

Absolutely. I would hope to find that the Boston Celtics had become a basketball dynasty again. I'm a big Celtics fan.

Hot dog or hamburger?

Oh, hot dog.

Popcorn or pretzels?

Popcorn.

What was your first job?

Chick-fil-A.

Watched any good TV shows lately?

I watch *The Voice*.

Who wins in a fight, Batman or Superman?

Superman, all the way.

What's something you do to embarrass your kids?

I tell them how much Daddy loves them as they're getting out at carpool in the morning before school.

Who is the last person you texted?

Jordan, my 16-year-old daughter.

Favorite dessert?

German black forest cake.

Favorite vegetable?

All of them!

What would you be doing if you weren't in ministry?

I'd be in real estate investment, but that's kind of boring. I'd rather be playing professional basketball, but they haven't called me.

Favorite author?

Hmm....I read everything. If you saw my library you would understand why I can't just pick a favorite author but it would have to be Tom Clancy.

What Olympic sport would you play?

Basketball. There's definitely a consistent theme here.

Sand or snow?

Snow.

What was your first concert?

My first concert was Rod Stewart.

Favorite musician or band?

Bon Jovi.

Have you ever met anyone famous?

I sat on an airplane one time next to the Boston Celtics, but I didn't meet them.

Favorite game for family game night?

Monopoly. (Interviewer: Oh no, do you hate your family?) It's a game about business. Lots of life lessons there.

Is cereal a soup?

No. It's cold. (Interviewer: Gazpacho is cold, and that's a soup.) It's not what people should eat.

What actor would you want to play you in a movie?

Matthew McConaughey.

What's the wallpaper on your phone?

My family.