

## Ecclesia Clear Lake Elder Profile

Name: Barry Allen

- 1. How long have you been a part of the Ecclesia Clear Lake church family? What initially drew you to the community?**

My previous church started working with Ecclesia Houston early on. A few of us often went to their service as well. When Ecclesia Clear Lake started in 2007, a few of us started going there.

- 2. In what ways do you currently serve in the church and in the community?**

I have been running sound for ECL for many years and help in other ways as needed.

- 3. Share an overview of your faith story.**

I was raised in the church but went many years as undecided. A friend at work asked if I wanted to try running sound for a startup church in 1998. That was not anything I had done before, but I decided to try. Our church met a Christian rock band that was involved in prison ministry. I started running sound for them as well. After seeing how prisoners can come together for worship and hearing many volunteers share their story, that finally led me to Christ in 2000.

- 4. At ECL we long to have deep roots in the historic Trinitarian Christian faith of the global church. Reflect on your understanding of the Trinity.**

To me, the Trinity is a representation of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. There is only one God, but there are three main ways that we view God.

- 5. At ECL we long for deep bonds of connection in human relationships within our church and in our community. What is the role of authentic and healthy community in church and in faith formation?**

As a community of believers, it is important that we help and encourage each other as believers.

- 6. At ECL we long to be actively engaged in matters of compassion and justice in our community and world. Why is this an important longing? What does a healthy posture of pursuing this longing look like in our context?**

Jesus taught us to love each other, our neighbors, and our enemies. It is important for us to help meet the physical and spiritual needs of those around us.