

Peter Buck '02



Pete Buck, who grew up in Nappanee, Indiana, followed a CPA track at the University of Indianapolis. He worked in a residence hall and was a presidential assistant, a Greyhound ambassador, and a member of the FCA leadership team. He also participated in various intramural sports.

During his time at the University of Indianapolis and after leaving campus, Pete says, “my faith in Christ became more important to me; I knew that I wanted to have an impact on people and share what I believed with those in the business world.” Following his graduation in 2002, he participated in a ministry-oriented fellowship at a church in northern Virginia. “It was a great experience for me, and I am so glad that I took that year to dig into Scripture and share in the lives of others.”

Today Pete is employed at Johnson Lambert & Co., a midsize CPA firm with offices in Virginia and several other Eastern Seaboard states. “My job allows me to see a variety of things as I work with different businesses, learn business practices and systems that work, and encounter those that don’t work as well.” Pete sees his current job as excellent preparation for future employment where he can concentrate on just one organization’s business needs and goals.

He continues to keep a focus on serving others, as he and his wife, Beth, are involved with the leadership team of the Adult Bible Fellowship group at their church. They also help to welcome new members to the church by planning a couple of social events each month for newcomers and by working at their church’s welcome center on Sunday mornings. “Volunteering in various environments has helped me see what others have been through,” Pete said. “It has allowed me to build relationships that may not have occurred if I wouldn’t have taken the initiative to volunteer in the first place.”

Outside of the church, Pete says that he enjoys being able to help others with household tasks when they are unable to. “I enjoy anything behind the scenes where I have the opportunity to serve someone and show them through physical action or words that they matter.”

When Pete encounters someone who wants to volunteer but isn’t sure what to do, he tells them to seek out an opportunity that may provide a chance for spiritual or character growth. “There are so many different ways that you can volunteer or serve others,” he said. “Each person is gifted in some way, and those gifts can be used in service. There are many volunteer organizations or churches that you can contact to find out what opportunities are available, and then you can think through what opportunities fit your personality and interest. I believe that if we have the ability to serve others, we should use that ability that we have been blessed with.” —*Jennifer Huber*

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