

# Kevin Johnson

## Biographical Summary

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The son of a lifelong inner-city public school teacher and a beloved author of historical fiction for children, Kevin Johnson is the bestselling author of more than 50 books for youth and adults, including the one-of-a-kind *Pray the Scriptures Bible: Psalms and Proverbs* (Bethany House Publishers 2011). As a writer and editor of adult works he has partnered as co-author and concept consultant with some of the publishing world's leading authors.

Kevin's writing hasn't stopped since his first book, *Can I Be a Christian Without Being Weird?* (Bethany House 1992). He was the lead writer of the original guy's Biblezine *Refuel* (Thomas Nelson 2004). His latest authoring work includes *Resolving Everyday Conflict*, with Ken Sande (Baker Books 2011), and HIGHER, a series of discipleship studies for senior high youth (Youth Specialties 2009). Past projects include a trio of curriculum and books that accompanied the release of the Universal Pictures family comedy *Evan Almighty*, starring Steve Carell (Youth Specialties 2007); and the NCV Student Bible (Thomas Nelson 2006).

On Easter Sunday 2010 Kevin began serving as solo pastor of Emmaus Road Church in St. Louis Park, Minnesota, a first-ring suburb of Minneapolis ([www.emmausroadchurch.com](http://www.emmausroadchurch.com)). He was previously Teaching Pastor at Calvary in Golden Valley, Minnesota, where until 2006 he was Pastor for Children, Youth, and Family, overseeing 45 paid staff ministering to 1200 youth, children, and early childhood students. He ran a major adult nonfiction line as a senior editor at Bethany House Publishers. And he pastored a group of more than 400 sixth through ninth graders at Elmbrook Church in metro Milwaukee. His training includes an M.Div. from Fuller Theological Seminary and a B.A. in English and Print Journalism from the University of Wisconsin—River Falls.

Kevin's interests include trail running, backyard astronomy (with a 10-inch Dobsonian telescope), and radio (with broadcasts from more than 160 countries heard on AM and shortwave). He also tries hard at digital photography, and some of his shots can be viewed at [www.kjphotos.zenfolio.com](http://www.kjphotos.zenfolio.com).

Kevin met his wife, Lyn, on a high school outreach to a First Nations reserve in Ontario, Canada. Their home is a laboratory for all the parenting tips Kevin has dispensed over the years, with a college senior (Nate—snowboard instructor, electric guitarist, and English education major), a college freshman (Karin—downhill ski instructor, vocalist, and worldchanger), and a high school freshman (Elise—long-distance runner, guitarist, and budding psychologist). Kevin and Lyn guide their home with one rule: "Don't do anything stupid." They share their home not only with three children but with several dozen tropical fish and a champion blue merle sheltie, Channisce.

At 47, Kevin is happily on the verge of adulthood. Kevin and Lyn plan to expend themselves in a lifetime of service to God and people, then grow ponytails and retire somewhere near an ocean.