



*This hope we have as an anchor for the soul, both sure and steadfast. (Heb 6:19)*



## Shari Abbott

Shari is the executive director at Reasons for Hope\* Jesus, as well as a Christian apologist and author. She describes herself as a disciple of Jesus Christ, a wife to Steve and the mother of two adult daughters. With a degree in psychology and business from Western Michigan University, Shari's work experience includes bank management, sales, public relations and marketing. After many years working in the secular world, she now uses her experience and the gifts that God has given her to share the good news of hope in Jesus Christ. As an avid Bible reader and teacher, she enjoys equipping and encouraging Christians to know Jesus better and to love Him more. Shari is the author of *Why the Butterfly? A Book About Rightly Remembering*, *Remember Me – A Course In Rightly Remembering*, *Who Said That? Common everyday sayings...where do they come from?* *Got Questions? We have Reasons for Hope (Reasons Books 1, 2 & 3)*, *Fun with Shuns (biblical words ending in -tion)* and *How to Witness to Jehovah's Witnesses*. Shari and her husband Steve live in Cincinnati, OH.



## Wade Wacker

With a degree in financial planning, more than 25 years experience, and as the owner of a successful financial practice, Wade uses his business experience along with a heart devoted to serving the Lord Jesus Christ, to financially guide and direct the Reasons for Hope\* Jesus ministry. Wade's love for the Lord and commitment to growing and strengthening the body of Christ, led him into full-time ministry in January 2012. Prior to Wade's work in the financial industry, He was a minor league ballplayer for the Minnesota Twins. Wade and his wife Stacey have three children and live in Jackson, MN.



## **Scott Dotas**

### **Director, First Priority of Greater Cincinnati**

Director, First Priority of Greater Cincinnati Scott has been serving the Lord in ministry for more than 20 years. Prior to joining First Priority, Scott served 16 years as the Greater Cincinnati Director for The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). Scott and his wife Laura have four children and live in Cincinnati, OH.



## **Karen Forgas**

### **Sr. Vice President of Business Operations, Cincinnati Reds**

Karen has served as Senior Vice President of Business Operations for the Reds, Cincinnati's Major League Baseball franchise, since October 2008. After being with Reds-On-Radio for seventeen years Karen joined the Reds in December 2006 as VP of public affairs and later was named VP of communications and marketing. As SVP of Business Operations, Karen directs marketing and communications, social and digital media strategy, and is involved with promotional events, broadcasting, ticket sales, corporate sponsorship sales, community relations, diversity initiatives, and in-game entertainment. In addition, Karen has worked as a freelance speech writer, media buyer and art director for a number of corporations and nonprofits. Prior to joining the Reds, she was an integral part of

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## **Diane Carnevale Jones**

### **Owner, Carnevale Jones Group LLC**

Diane is the former owner of Professional Marketing, an award-winning PR and marketing firm that represented a wide variety of clients, including eBay, Marie Osmond (doll company), Hospice of MI, Mel Trotter Ministries, Zondervan (Inspiro), Thomas Kinkade and more. Professional Marketing offered trade and national PR, eventing, strategic planning, loyalty marketing, product launches and placements in print and electronic media, movies and television. Diane served as co-host on a Lifetime Channel collectibles program and as executive director of two trade organizations. Today, as the owner of Carnevale Jones Group LLC (Grand Rapids, MI), Diane provides counsel to companies seeking to enter new vertical markets or category niches. With a heart for the elderly

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