

## INDUCTEE

### RALPH “CHIP” R. INGRAM II

Graduated. . . . .1972

Married. . . . .Theresa Ball

Children . . . . .Eric, Jason, Ryan, Annie and 8 grandchildren

Resides . . . . .San Jose, California

In high school Chip was one of those students who was sought out by others. With his winning smile, seemingly easy athletic ability and genuine interest in others—he was fun to be around. Chip was a good student (National Honor Society), a leader (Student Council), gave service to others (Key Club) and one who honored God (Fellowship of Christian Athletes). He loved sports and was a member of both the baseball and basketball teams.

These high school activities and his top 5% academic ranking in his class earned him an athletic scholarship to West Liberty University in Wheeling, to study education so he could teach. Both of Chip’s parents were teachers at Whitehall City Schools. At West Liberty his involvement in The Navigators and post college international basketball ministry with Sports Ambassadors shaped his life. His sister Jeanne Bolton says Chip related that “it was during this time he developed what he will recall as a personal walk with the Lord.”

With a BA and his BS in Education he taught and coached high school basketball. He later attended West Virginia University, receiving his Master’s degree in Sport Psychology. Chip married his wife Theresa upon graduation from WVU and with her support and encouragement he made the life-changing decision to enter the ministry. They moved to Dallas, Texas where in 1984 Chip received his Master’s degree in Theology from Dallas Theological Seminary. Over the next few years, He pastured churches in Kaufman Texas, and in Santa Cruz California. His churches grew wherever his ministry took him. In eight years in Kaufman the church population grew from 35 to 500; and the Santa Cruz church growth was 850 to 4,000. According to his sister “Punkie” Caldwell it was during this time in California when Chip began to dream “a dream that God would use him as a catalyst to equip pastors and churches to help ‘Christians actually live like Christians.’” In the mid 1990’s Chip’s dream was birthed as the first radio broadcast of *Living on the Edge Radio Ministries* went on the air. This vision became the primary focus of Chip’s life as a contemporary Christian writer.

As a pastor, author, coach and teacher, for 25 years now, “Chip has helped people around the world break out of spiritual ruts to live out God’s purpose for their lives.” He served as president of *Walk Thru the Bible* based in Atlanta, Georgia, and has authored twelve books outlining the principles and practices of spiritual growth, leadership and family living. He is televised on NRB Network and heard nationwide each week on 850 radio stations by nearly 1 million listeners. Internationally, *Living on the Edge* reaches over 200 million listeners in all Russian and Arab speaking countries, Indonesia, Southern Africa, Poland, Romania and Turkey. Chip has been a featured speaker at Bill Graham’s Cove Center and Moody Institute in Chicago, and a keynote motivational speaker to many corporations worldwide.

Chip remains a teaching pastor of *Living on the Edge Broadcast Ministries*, but in 2009 he felt the need to get back to a church congregation where he could spend more time teaching, leading and coaching--“his primary spiritual gift”; thus, he is serving as the senior pastor of Venture Church in Los Gatos, California.