

People@Work in Central Carolina: Buck Harris

What are five most frequently-played songs on your iPod playlist?

I don't have an iPod, probably wouldn't know how to turn one on.

What is your favorite movie? Hoosiers, One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest and Field of Dreams.

What is your favorite book? The Holy Bible.

Is there an item or collectible you hold dear? I collect "Rams." I bleed Carolina Blue (UNC-CH class of 1980). And, of course, the ram is our mascot. The late Dr. Bill White started me on that collection many years ago. Between my home and office, I probably have 50-60 different rams figurines, carvings, statues ... anything ram.

Where would someone be most likely to find you on a Saturday night? Home with family.

What was your dream job when you were a child? National Basketball Association. I thought I would make my living playing the game I love. But it didn't work out that way.

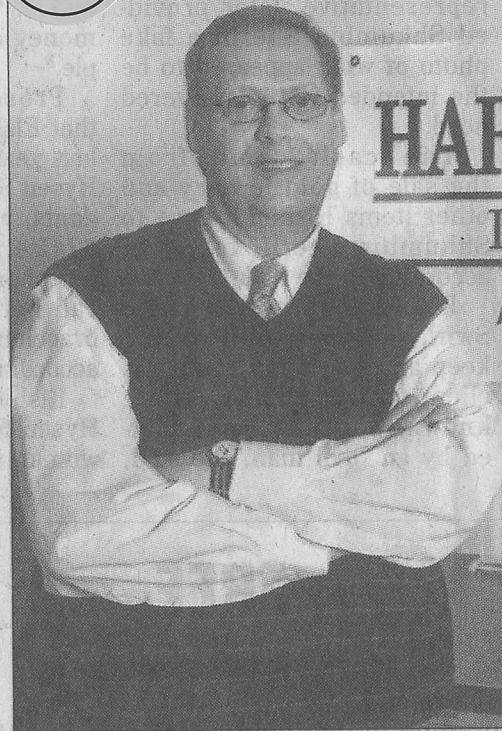
What are some of your favorite things? Teaching the high school Sunday School class at St. Luke United Methodist

Church, following UNC sports, spending time with family and friends, exploring the great state of North Carolina, coaching youth sports.

What's the worst injury you've ever had? Blood clot after knee surgery.

Ever had a brush with celebrity? My wife Katie, son Will and daughter Kack traveled to Memphis for my 50th birthday back in 2007. Our visit to Graceland and just visiting all things Elvis was pretty cool. It felt as if he were there. Other famous entertainers I have met: Trisha Yearwood, James Brown, Maurice Williams, Keb Mo, Don Knotts. I have met several famous athletes in person: Michael Jordan, Vince Carter, Sam Perkins, Phil Ford, Eric Montross, David Thompson, Jack Nicklaus and Ray Floyd among others. And I have met and spoken with several famous basketball coaches: Dean Smith, Roy Williams, Bill Guthridge, Norm Sloan, Lefty Driesell, Mike Krzyzewski, Herb Sendek, Sidney Lowe, the late Skip Prosser, and Reggie Peace and Doug Connor, among others.

What's your favorite website? www.harrisand-



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NAME: Buck Harris

AGE: 54

FAMILY: Wife, Katie; Son, Will and his wife, my daughter-in-law, Rebecca; Daughter, Kack (nickname for Katherine)

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Would you go bungee jumping or skydiving?

No way!

Do you have a tattoo? Are you kidding me?

Any fears or phobias? Heights.

What's your usual wake-up time in the morning? 5:30.

What talent do you wish you had? Wish I could play my guitar and

banjo better.

What was your favorite TV show when you were growing up?

The Andy Griffith Show was my favorite TV show growing up and remains my favorite TV show today!

What's your cell phone ringtone?

Whatever my son, Will, set up for me.

Favorite dessert? Tie between Joni Martin's

chocolate pie and Denise Hedrick's chocolate pie

What's your favorite condiment? Heinz Ketchup.

Do you have bumper stickers of any kind on your car? UNC Rams Club, Harris & Company Insurance, Upward Basketball.

How do you define success? When King David was about to die,

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he gave his son, Solomon, the following advice that I wholeheartedly agree with: "Do what the Lord your God commands and follow his teachings. Obey everything written in the Law of Moses. Then you will be a success, no matter what you do or where you go" (1 Kings 2:3 CEV).

Describe your life philosophy in six words or less: Live, Love, Laugh.