

Bill McCartney Bio

Born William Paul McCartney in Riverview, Michigan, on August 22, 1940, Bill McCartney is the son of William and Ruth McCartney. He attended the University of Missouri, playing center-linebacker for the school's football team. He graduated with a BA in education in 1962, marrying Lynne Marie "Lyndi" Taussig that same year. In 1974, while attending a Campus Crusade for Christ meeting in Brighton, Michigan, McCartney made a personal commitment to Christ.

In 1982, the University of Colorado hired McCartney as head football coach. During the next eight years, he helped turn the program around. In 1990, the team won the Associated Press National Championship. McCartney retired from coaching on January 1, 1995, immediately following the Fiesta Bowl. He chose to spend time with his family and to pursue a closer personal relationship with God. Mr. McCartney founded the ministry of Promise Keepers in 1990, and resigned as its' President/CEO in September of 2003. Mr. McCartney founded THE ROAD TO JERUSALEM in 2004 and currently serves as the Founder and Chairman of the Board.



Coach Bill McCartney
Founder/Chairman of the
Board

BOARDS

THE ROAD TO JERUSALEM, Founder/Chairman of the Board
 Promise Keepers, Founder/President 1991-2003
 Equip Ministries, Board of Directors 1995-2002
 Concerts of Prayer, Advisory Board Member 2003
 Fasting & Prayer '97 and '98, Co-Chair, Executive Committee
 Presidential Prayer Team – Founding Member 2001

BOOKS

Blind Spots (Tyndale, 2003)
4th & Goal: Coaching for Life's Tough Calls (Tyndale, 2002)
Sold Out Two-gether with Lyndi McCartney (Word, 1998)
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Go the Distance, Contributing Writer (Focus on the Family, 1996)
From Ashes to Glory (Thomas Nelson, 1990, 1995)
The Seven Promises of a Promise Keeper, Contributing Writer (Focus on the Family, 1994)
What Makes A Man, Contributing Writer (NavPress, 1992)

COACHING AWARDS

Colorado Sports Hall of Fame Inductee, 1999
 Orange Bowl Hall of Fame Inductee, 1996
 UPI Coach of the Year, 1989, 1990
 Big Eight Conference Coach of the Year, 1985, 1989, 1990
 Kodak Coach of the Year - AFCA, 1989
 Bear Bryant Coach of the Year - FWAA, 1989
 Walter Camp Foundation Coach of the Year, 1989

PERSONAL AWARDS

Doctor of Humane Letters – Azusa Pacific University – 2003
 Coach & Spouse Influence Award – COIN – Coaches of Influence - 2003
 Outstanding Achievement Award – National Coalition of Men's Ministries – 2001 Hall of Honor
 Distinguished American Award – National Football Foundation – College Hall of Fame, 2000
 Humanitarian of the Year Award – Sly Morgan Smith Colorado Gospel Music Academy - 1999
 Evangelist Philip Award – National Association of United Methodist Evangelists, 1999
 Fire-Setters Award- Revival Fires Ministries, 1997
 Layperson of the Year-National Association of Evangelicals, 1996
 ABC News Person of the Week, Feb. 16, 1996
 Chief Award - Chief, Inc., Phoenix, Ariz., 1996
 Spectrum Award - Sports Spectrum Magazine, 1995
 Impact America Award - Point Loma College, 1995

McCartney lives with his wife, Lyndi, in the Denver area. They have four children and ten grandchildren.