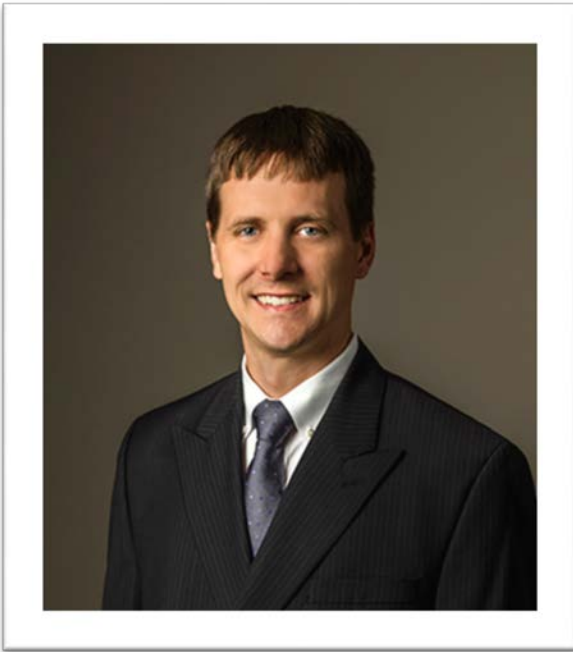


## Habitat Williamson-Maury Board Member

### **Bobby Krimmel**



Bobby Krimmel is a Tennessee native who grew up in East Tennessee near Greenville. His hometown of Baileyton has a population of 429. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from East Tennessee State University, graduating in 2004 and 2006. While he was there, he met and married his wife Andrea. They wed in 2004, just as Bobby started work on his master's degree and his banking career with Green Bank. He started as a staff accountant in 2004, and was eventually promoted to controller.

In 2011, the Krimmels and their two young sons moved to Albany, Georgia for an opportunity to serve as the chief accounting officer for Heritage Bank of the South. In 2015, they moved back to their home state, as Bobby became the Chief Financial Officer for First Farmers and Merchants Bank in Columbia.

Clearly Bobby has worked hard to achieve his professional and personal success, but he has never forgotten his roots. Bobby and his sisters were raised primarily by their mother, after his father died at a young age. Their home in the Appalachian ridge had no HVAC for most of his childhood. Their primary source of heat was a wood stove and some area heaters. As a teenager, he worked in construction and helped to build his mother a new home so that she could have central heat and air. Bobby and his family personally benefited from social programs that sustained his family during his childhood. He learned the value of hard work and education and will always be thankful for the support that he received in those early years.

Because of his life experience, Bobby has a natural passion for Habitat for Humanity and the mission it serves. He feels a drive and an obligation to do what he can to promote affordable housing in our community. Bobby quickly raised support at First Farmers and Merchants Bank to provide funds for four HFHWM home builds a year in Maury County. We are so thankful for his drive, his passion, and his commitment. We welcome Bobby to our Board of Directors!

- Interview by Board Member Jennifer Shepard, 3/16