



1. Childhood Events that helped to shape me

My family

I am the middle daughter with an older brother of three years and a younger sister of six years. I was the first to become a Christian when I was 29 years old. My parents divorced after 32 years of marriage and it took that event to bring my mother to the point of crying out for Jesus to be her Savior.

In 2000 I lost my mother in February, my father in August, and brother in December.

My childhood

I was born in Erie, Pennsylvania in 1945. We moved to Deland, Florida in 1946 for my father's health. My father was a welder by trade and since he couldn't find work in Florida we moved to North Carolina in 1950. My sister was born in 1951, a miracle baby, since my mother had her tubes tied after me! In 1953 we moved again to Columbus, Ohio, which is where I attended most of my schooling.

I loved school and everything that went with it. It was my escape, because at home I had the responsibility of helping my mother with household chores and watching my sister. She went to work to help us financially.

We lived on the west side of Columbus in a small community called New Rome, Ohio. I attended fourth grade through high school with the same students. I had 126 seniors that graduated with me in 1963.

2. How I came to Jesus

I guess I have always been seeking Jesus – but just didn't know how to accept him as my Lord and Savior until age 29. Even though my parents didn't attend church, they encouraged us to go. I tried them all, from Catholic, Lutheran, Methodist to Baptist. In March 1974 at a Passover Service in a spirit-filled Methodist Church is where I came to a saving knowledge of Jesus. I got saved, and received the baptism of the Holy Spirit that night.

3. How I met, dated and married

In the summer of 1961 I met Carl, the love of my life. We grew to be great friends as well as sweethearts. He was my date to both my junior and senior prom. He gave me an engagement ring the Christmas of my senior year. We were married the following December 1963 after I turned 18.

4. About our Family

After trying for nine years to have children and being unsuccessful, we decided to adopt a child. We adopted our first daughter, Jennifer Lynn in September 1972 and picked her up from the hospital when she was three days old. Our second daughter Alicia Renee we adopted in February 1979 when she was four weeks old from the Children's Home in Tampa, Florida. They are both now married and have blessed us with three grandsons: Chase 14, Trey 12 and Coby 10.

5. About my Christian growth

A lot of my growth and stretching came from being at this spirit-filled Methodist Church in Tampa, Florida. We were involved in their lay-witness renewal program where we would go into churches over the weekend and share our testimonies. We also hosted a Koinia prayer group in our home for about six years. We would have from 10-25 people in our home every week.

In late 1990, the Lord began revealing to Carl that there was a change coming, which would involve us moving. In 1991 the word was manifested and we moved to Marietta, GA. We knew we were coming to assist in a church that was growing but that's all we knew. We had tried several churches in the local area but none fit. One Sunday morning we turned to the Yellow Pages and there we found Liberty. From the moment we stepped in the door we knew we were home.

We moved into leadership as Deacons, Elders, and Assistant Pastors serving under Martin and Sheila Jenkins in the Saturday 7th Heaven congregation.

On October 19, 2008 Carl left this world to be with his Jesus. His unfailing love, faith, and prophetic words still remain in our hearts. I am now on a journey of embracing Jesus as “My Husband, Comforter, and Friend.”

I am honored to continue to serve as an Assistant Pastor to our exciting and amazing congregation.