



Larry & Gloria Corker Biography

Childhood

Larry was born the oldest of six children and the first of the only set of twins in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. His twin brother Barry was twelve minutes behind him. He had a total of 3 brothers and 2 sisters. After graduating from Piper High School in Sunrise, Florida, he moved to Atlanta to attend Devry University. With his mother being a school teacher; he had no other option except to further his education.

Gloria was born the third of eight children in Sylvester, Georgia. There were 5 boys and 3 girls. She grew up in a home with Christian parents and her father would have bible study every Sunday *before* going to church. Her mother died (in) at the young age of 43 leaving the oldest girls to take on a more active role in household chores and caring for the younger siblings. Her father remarried five years after her mother's death. At that point, Gloria decided to move to Atlanta to pursue better employment.

Educational Background

Larry attended Devry University for 2 years in Electronic Technology. He later studied at Georgia State University in Business Administration.

Gloria obtained certification in accounting from the Albany Area Tech Vocational School. She is still pursuing her bachelor degree in accounting and has attended Devry University for 18 months.

Work Experience

Larry worked as a Sub-Surface Utility Engineer for STS, Inc. He loves the ability to work outside and be able to meet new people on a daily basis. Prior to becoming a Sub-Surface Utility Engineer, he worked for Eastern Airlines and Chem Waste, a division of Waste Management. Larry maintains his ability to work outside, developing new projects with thrift stores and other non-profit agencies to send clothes and shoes to other countries.

Gloria is currently running a home-based business, Corker & Associates, providing bookkeeping, payroll, tax, and medical billing services for small businesses. Her previous work experience included working in administrative and accounting positions with a state government agency and prior her church affiliation.

Salvation Experience

Larry did not attend church during his childhood. It was not until November 1977 that his twin brother told him that he was a Christian after his return from visiting relatives in Michigan. His brother invited him to church and after attending twice he committed his life to the Lord. He did not become a Christian prior to this time because he thought all Christians were hypocrites. A few days after his experience with the Lord, he asked the Lord to prove that He was real by doing something significant in his life by the following day. The next morning he woke and did not have a desire to smoke cigarettes any longer. He had been smoking since his 10th grade in high school. His commitment to the Lord became solid after this experience.

Gloria attended the church where she grew up in until moving to Atlanta. However, because she never had a true experience with Christ, it was not until she met a very good friend while working at the state government agency that she encountered the Lord. It was a wonderful experience while sitting in the back seat of my friend's car taking our lunch break in November of 1979. Her friend invited her to church and she attended the following Sunday after receiving Christ. She attended that church until coming to Liberty Church in October of 2006.

How They Met

Larry and Gloria met at their previous church affiliation in 1981. They both sang in the choir and riding the bus to choir rehearsal one Friday evening in

1982, they had their first real conversation. Nothing came of that conversation at that time. Gloria decided that in 1983 she would not attend the pastor's banquet without an escort. She prayed with her roommates one Friday morning and in her request she asked for an escort to the banquet. The Lord answered that request the very next day. She received a phone call Saturday morning while at the church flea market event. She worked at the church and she would normally answer the phone. Larry was looking for another individual who was not there, but because of his nature, he started a conversation with Gloria. That conversation ended with the request to take Gloria to the pastor's banquet. Although Gloria only wanted an escort for the pastor's banquet, Larry and Gloria were married in December 1984. 😊 They had a blended family with 2 sons and have been blessed with 1 more son and 1 daughter. Their relationship continues to grow more exciting and fulfilling every day over 23 years of marriage.

Ministry Experience

Larry and Gloria both served as Deacons and Cell Group leaders in their previous church affiliation. Cell Group leaders are the same as Home Group leaders. They became Cell Group leaders in 1986 and they were ordained as Deacons in 1988. They were responsible for birthing more than 10 new Cell Group Leaders, some of which are Elders and Pastors at other churches. They were co-leaders in the Greeter's Ministry, a visitor follow-up ministry. Larry's gifting in the prophetic has allowed him to minister to men at encounter retreats and his gifting in music and worship has allowed him to worship for these retreats. Gloria's gifting in

administration has allowed her to sponsor several graduation banquets for high school and college graduates. Larry and Gloria both led a Shelter Ministry for 7 years, providing food, clothing and encouragement for the residents of the shelter.

How They Came to Liberty

At the leading of the Lord, Larry and Gloria came to Liberty Church in October of 2006. They knew they were in the right place on the second time of attending. Pastor John made them feel so at home with his openness to meet with them. They both desired to be able to do what God had called them to and have the support and encouragement of leadership. Gloria has stated many times that Liberty Church is truly liberating. Their desire to serve would not allow them to be pew holders. Larry and Gloria joined the worship team for the Sunday Noon service and have become Home Group Leaders. In November of 2009 Larry and Gloria moved into an oversight position over the Elders and the Home Group Leaders. Their goal is to develop multiplication with the current home groups so that new leaders would be established to handle the growth of the Happy Nooners service.