

STORIES OF GRACE

Members of our church family share their stories of Grace.
Sam & Helen Needy share their story of Grace.



Our journey in life started when we met while working at Landis Machine Company in Waynesboro in the early sixties. Our date on the weekend was going to church on Sunday evening.

We were married in 1964 and a few years later work took us to Michigan. In 1967, we attended the New Troy Brethren Church and Sam was baptized by Pastor Gerald Kelley in 1968.

Work brought us back to Pennsylvania in 1973 and in 1974 we went to a banquet for Child Evangelism Fellowship and learned about Released Time Bible classes and about Camp Joy-EI that was to be built.

Camp Joy-EI was built in the summer of 1874 and opened for camping on July 4, Helen volunteered a day that first year. Helen also got involved in Released Time as a listener. That was the year that our daily routine got changed as we both got involved in Camp Joy-EI and camping.

We both volunteered in the summers at Camp Joy-EI, Helen in the kitchen and Sam in maintenance and in the kitchen.

For a few years Sam went to Camp Grace, our Mid-Atlantic District summer camp as a counselor and then as a cook.

Sam was on the board of directors at Camp Joy-EI in 1982 when the time came for Camp Joy-EI to hire a full time food director.

Sam applied for the job and was selected in 1983 as Food Service Director. We moved to Camp Joy-EI and we served as cooks for almost 20 years. Helen continued to help in Released Time and Sam got involved in

Released Time in 1983 and both have helped since then with the Released Time Program.

We retired from Camp Joy-EI in 2002, but have helped in others camps as cooks during the summer.

Editor's note: Sam and Helen are faithful prayer warriors and faithfully serve as our cooks for our Wednesday night 606 Family Gathering, Easter Breakfast, Thanksgiving meal, and other events.

They have served with the church in many areas. Helen worked with SMM (Serving My Master), a program for girls and worked in the church nursery and serves on the hospitality committee. Sam worked with Boy's Brigade, is the chairman of our missions committee, and serves on the Board of Steward.