

STORIES OF GRACE

Our church family share their stories of Grace
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I am thankful for God's grace starting for me even before I was born. When I was born full-term in October of 1964, I weighed 3 lbs. 6 oz. I was not expected to live. When I did pull through, doctors continued to tell my mother that I would have serious developmental difficulties and that I may not be able to speak or care for myself. Nowadays, you just can't shut me up!

God's grace continued to show itself as I grew up, especially during my teenage and early adult years. I accepted Jesus into my life at Greenwood Hills Bible Camp in Fayetteville, PA in the summer of 1978. (Thank you Gene Uhler, my cabin counselor, who lived somewhere in New Jersey at the time, for leading me to Christ.) However, God was not done teaching me yet. I was humbled by learning several life lessons the easy way when I should have learned them the hard way. I did not always live that Godly life in my younger days, but by God's grace, He spared me **every time** I stepped out of line. That's just further proof that God's grace and forgiveness is unfailing and constant. His grace never lets us down as long as we rely on Him.

Once again, God's grace was continually with me during my 23 years with Citi in Hagerstown and Jacksonville, FL, and now is with me at First Data in Hagerstown. I left Citi and Florida in May of this year and came back to my hometown ... without a job. God's grace yet again allowed me to go on two interviews. I received job offers from both prospective employers. I am still quite humbled by that experience. I am extremely happy at First Data, and if His will allows, I would like to work there for the rest of my working years.

I continue to be thankful to God that I have been blessed with life and have thrived, thanks to His continual and endless grace. I am thankful for all those at here at Grace who have prayed for me over the years. And I am forever grateful for Jesus' gift of salvation by ... Grace. This "grace" is not something we can earn, it is a gift from God. (Ephesians 2:8 and 9 say this quite well.)

Note from the editor: We welcome David back from sunny Florida. David became a member of the church in October of 1983 and has been a faithful servant of our Lord. He served in many areas of the church but especially in our Audio/Visual Department. While in Florida, he also served in that capacity in the church he attended. We remember our times at teen camp with David helping in the kitchen ("don't lay any utensil down or when you go back for it, David has it washed and put away"). David has served as my proofreader for the bulletin, prayer reminder, and newsletter even when he was in Florida and he continues in this ministry to us. We are thankful that he worships with us when his job allows.