

STORIES OF GRACE

Our church family shares their story of Grace
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“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” expresses God’s great love and constancy in my life. God has been so generous and faithful to me and my family in every aspect of my life regardless of or even in spite of myself at times. We are not always faithful but God always is. I was born into a Bible-believing Christian family. Therefore I was taught Biblical principles and how to apply them to my life. We attended The First Brethren Church at the corner of Philadelphia Ave. and Fourth Street. Yes, it’s Grace now. Our home was on Park Street and close enough that allowed us to walk to church as a family on Sundays and Wednesdays. We walked down the railroad tracks, across what is now the parking lot across the street, up the hill and there was the church. I don’t remember that hill being as steep then!

There are so many memories growing up in the church. Mrs. Grace Boyer had Signal Lights on Sunday mornings during church time for children. She was also a Sunday school teacher and she gave us dishes on our birthdays which I still have even after all of these years. Then there were Tuesdays at the Rescue Mission in Hagerstown where we would have a service and serve them a meal. On Sundays, we would go to the Shook Home, the Franklin County Jail, or Franklin Farms Nursing Home. My sisters and I would sing or just visit with the people. We’d also get ice cream on the way home. Then there were the Mother and Daughter banquets, Christmas plays, the youth group, SMM, the junior choir led by Doris Rowe, two weeks of Bible School held in the mornings, Sunday school picnics at Cold Spring Park, the usher’s picnic on Labor Day, and then school would start.

So many memories and blessings centered on our family and church. And isn’t that what our Christian life should be all about? In case you are not aware- Cinda Gehr and Joyce Fitz are my sisters. I’m not upstairs very much because I’m usually downstairs with the kids.

I attended nursing school at Harrisburg Polyclinic Hospital and graduated in 1971. I was camp nurse at Camp Tuc-a-hoe for a week. Then I started my nursing career at Polyclinic on a surgical floor. I then went to Baltimore and worked at Shock Trauma before I moved home and started work at Waynesboro Hospital in 1975. I worked in acute care, emergency care, and medical –surgical care. After 45 years of nursing, I am partially retired.

I’m the church Parish Nurse and write the monthly articles in the newsletter and I do the monthly bulletin board. Over the years, I’ve helped in Release Time, taught adult and children Sunday school, helped cook for Keenagers, help at CEF, am the nurse at our Fall Festival, and was the church representative on the Waynesboro Welfare Association, I now help teach in the Primary department and help with the little ones during church.

Again I thank God for the many blessings He has given to me and for His grace in my life. He is always faithful!!