

STORIES OF GRACE

Our church family shares their story of Grace

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I was born into a loving Christian home and at the age of 14, I received Christ as my savior. I have one brother and nieces and nephews. I have been a member of the Grace Brethren Church and have lived in the Waynesboro area all my life.

During fifth grade at Fairview Elementary, I began my life long experience with the alto saxophone. I am a member of the Waynesboro Municipal Band, Wayne Band. We rehearse every Monday night during most of the year and present concerts at nursing homes, Renfrew, retirement homes, etc. during the summer. We also participate in local parades.

As a teenager the youth group and the youth activities had a big influence in my life. We had great Christian leaders that allowed us to experience different events (weekly youth meetings, camp, youth rallies, banquets, national and district conferences, special events, etc.). The Mid Atlantic District youth rallies were always stimulating. Different churches in the district from Waynesboro to Washington D.C. would serve as host for the overnight stays. We would stay in the homes of church members and get to know many people. There would be quizzing, music competition, speakers, and special events.

By God's leading I went to Grace College where I majored in Math and Education with a minor in Bible. After graduation, I taught for over five years. My most enjoyable time was spent teaching grades four, five and six because these students can work on their own. It was my privilege to have a Christian influence on my students.

After teaching, I went to The Computer Learning Center in Rockville MD where I learned about computers and programming. Not finding a job in the computer field in this area, an opportunity opened to work at Nichol's Store in Chambersburg as a cashier and then in store security. Later, I worked in the office counting money and making deposits and learning the accounting side of the business. I also did many other tasks at the store.

It was during this time that I realized my interest in the financial part of business. I started working at Waynesboro Savings Association in 1970 where I learned about credits and debits and continued with this type of employment for the remainder of my career. Christ has led in each of the jobs I have had.

After working for thirty years in the banking industry, I retired in September of 2011. Life since retirement has been filled with friends, Bible studies, walking, and crafting. The Lord has allowed me to serve him as the church treasurer since 1994.

Editor's Note: Martha is always willing to do anything for anyone. She provides transportation to those who need it to come to church, go to a church activity or district activity, or for any other need. She was my first teacher to learn the computer. I would have to remind her to speak in English not computer language. She assists with our monthly craft night for ladies and comes up with ideas for our card making craft. She amazes me with what she can do: works on her snow blower, builds things (wood working), taking time to tutor when someone needs help, helps people with canning, etc.