



Servant of the Heart – Mary Foster

Mary Likis Foster was born in Auburn, AL and grew up in Auburn, Birmingham, and Montgomery with her sister, Francie. Mary also has 2 younger brothers who grew up in Massachusetts with her father and step-mother. She is a graduate of Auburn University and teaches preschool at BA and substitutes regularly at Riverview. She and Edward have 2 beautiful daughters, Katherine and Elizabeth.

Mary and Edward moved to Beaufort in October, 2004, for Edward's job. After visiting a few churches, they settled in at First Presbyterian. Edward was born Presbyterian, and Mary has made a pretty good one too! Mary was employed by the church as Christian Ed. Director for a while. Now she still serves in many ways....teaching Sunday School, Children's sermons, Bible School, and singing in the choir. She is involved with Presbyterian Women and led a circle. She has worked with the children and youth and been in Presbyterian Women at other churches too.

Mary is most inspired by her children and by people who will "get out of their comfort zone to serve God". Her girls and her marriage are her greatest achievements and family is very important to her. Her favorite childhood memories are time spent with extended family and they still make a concerted effort to spend time together on the regular basis even though there are many miles between them! Mary believes the most important things she has learned in life is accepting responsibility and being kind even when others are not. And she certainly lives it! When I asked her favorite Bible verse, she couldn't pick between Mark 12: 30-31 and The Beatitudes. Both of these parts of scripture are what Christianity is all about for Mary.

Mary is very excited about the direction of the church right now. She is very pleased that we have become "more of a hands-on church, mission-wise". She would like to see us continue to grow as a mission church and help young families become more vested in the church. One thing she loves most about First Pres is that so many people know her girls by name! She also wants us to continue to reach out into our community. Congratulations to Mary for being chosen as Servant of the Heart....it is well deserved!