

Jennifer's Testimony

First, I know life begins with GOD. "The His-story of Creation" from the book of Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

I am #5 out of 7 children and we are close in age, 1948 – 1956. Mom took all of us on the church bus to Emmanuel Baptist Church in Dayton, the late 1950's. Mom was saved then baptized Nov. 1959; she told us she nearly ran down the aisle. I was saved in my Sunday School Class, and baptized in Mar. 1961; almost 7 yrs. of age. I learned Jesus died a torturous death on a cross for my sins so I wouldn't have to go to Hell forever. Romans 3:23 says "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Jesus Christ also loved me unconditionally. I had already seen what conditional love was like at home, dad had been deceived by Satan with all of his lies. Satan wants to bring us down. 1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

In 1972 after graduation, I had a baby girl on the 4th of July, Carrie. Her dad left both of us when I was 7 mos. pregnant. I was devastated and turned very bitter. We were just starting out and then over! My parents cared for her as though she was their own.

My bitterness over my failed marriage and not associating with the right kind of people from work lead down the wrong road, I was blending in with the world. I should have continued in church where people really cared for me, I felt ashamed.

I met Steve in 1988 and we were married in 1989. We attended my home church back at Emmanuel, had a son, Evan. We rededicated our lives to Jesus and we enjoyed many years of fellowship there until Pastor Fisher retired and two other Pastor's had come and gone. We joined Shroyer Rd. Baptist Church, covid came along with all of the restrictions. We needed a Bible teaching church! Our niece Natalie Conley invited us to Lighthouse here in Xenia. Our daughter Carrie, Andy, (husband) & grandkids are members of Lighthouse in Chillicothe.

We have faithfully been attending the early service, life group classes, 242 Sunday evening class (Acts 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayer.)

Jesus Christ was nailed to a cross where He died for our sins. The Bible teaches we must repent (turn away) from our sin and turn to the Lord. John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

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