

Congregation Spotlight on: *Tom White – God’s Faithful Steward*

On Wednesday, January 11, 1956 in Louisville, KY, Gloria and Charles White welcomed a rambunctious baby boy into their lives. He was their first child and the first grandchild. His dad always said he had heard Tom coming long before he saw him and it hasn’t changed.

Tom and his parents lived way back in the woods across the creek from his grandparents. He swam in the creek, bathed in a washtub, and waited on the water truck to bring water for the house. The thing he disliked the most was going to the outhouse after dark. Do you blame him? Of course things are scarier in the dark to a young boy.

A few years later Tom’s sister was born and they moved from the woods to a subdivision in south Jefferson County. When Tom was 8 years old, his parents divorced and his dad moved to the outskirts of Winchester, KY. At the end of the 6th grade soon after his brother was born, Tom went to live with his father.

While in school he especially enjoyed math and sports. Baseball and football consumed most of his time when he was a teenager. He also loved being out in the woods as well. During the summers he volunteered as a lifeguard and gave horseback riding lessons at a summer camp.

By the end of his senior year he was all set to go to the Kentucky State Police Academy. However, at the last minute he elected not to go. Instead, he moved back to Louisville.

His younger sister had just started going to a home-church and she quickly devised a ‘let’s-get-him’ campaign with her church friends. They were relentless and needless to say he wasn’t very nice to them. They would come to visit him and he would chase them off.

It didn’t faze his sister so he finally gave in and accompanied her to church one morning just so he could say he went. Maybe then she would leave him alone. Surprise! Surprise! Something happened to him that morning...he began to ask himself many questions and could only arrive at one answer. ***He was miserable living the life he was leading.*** However, he could not figure out how to have both God and keep the life he was leading.

Over the next few days God began to work on him and finally he had enough. He found the preacher’s house and decided to have a talk with him. When he knocked on the door, this big booming voice said, “Come in! I’ve been expecting you.” WHAT??

Well that night his whole life changed. That 6’6”, 425lb. preacher with a big soft heart and with more love than Tom had ever encountered led him to a decision that redirected and changed his whole life. Of course there have been difficulties and bumps along the way but God has always been there to pick Tom up and remind him that he isn’t finished yet.

Tom married Marlene in 1995 at Central Assembly of God. Shortly after they were married they promised each other and God that they were going to finish as strong as they could. They were not going to let the past dictate their future and God has certainly blessed them because they have remained faithful to their vow.

Tom became an ordained minister of Valley Chapel of Prayer where they served as associate pastors. They founded and were pastors of Faith Fellowship Ministries in Clarksville, IN as an outreach of VCP. They have also been music ministers and have evangelized all over Kentucky and southern Indiana.

Here at Revolution Church Tom would love to see the younger folks receive a special touch from God. In fact he would like to see them take the lead more and more. It would just thrill him to watch as God moves through them.

He believes that Revolution has a great group of young people. It’s our job as spiritual fathers and mothers to love them and mentor them so that they can have boots to the ground and win souls for the kingdom of God. He believes helping young people step into their calling makes God smile.