

## **Congregational Spotlight on: *Sherry Waters – Compassionate Woman of God***

It's Wednesday, November 10, 1976 and a bouncing baby girl decided that it was time for her to be born. Although Sherry was born in the Floyd County Hospital, she grew up in the big town of Galena with mainly brothers.

Therefore, she played more with Hot Wheels in the dirt rather than Barbie dolls. After all, when your brothers have torn off the heads of every single Barbie doll, playing with them were no longer appealing.

At a young age Sherry had compassion for others. In school during swim class their assignment was to tread water for five minutes. Her friend couldn't swim and she didn't want anyone to make fun of her so they went to the deepest water where they could still stand on their tiptoes and pretend like they were treading water.

The teacher was getting ready to get onto them and was walking over towards them and he fell in the pool, grade book and all. Her favorite subjects were English because she liked to write and it came naturally. There was also Science because she like to know why things were they way they were. And believe it or not, she really enjoyed her German class...excelled in it actually.

During her senior year of high school she married Joey Uhl and had a baby girl. Once she graduated she began working and they had two more children. However life happened and Sherry found herself single again. She remained a single mom for a little while before Tim Waters walked into her life at work. Eventually they got married on October 16, 2005 and had a baby girl, making a total of four children for Sherry.

Since Sherry grew up with mainly brothers, then it's no surprise that she is a football fanatic... HOWEVER, fanatic does not describe the love she has for her team...the Seattle Seahawks! Just look at her shoes, sweatshirt, shirt, etc. Could we say...possibly OBSESSED? Although she has favorites like watching Secondhand Lions, playing Minecraft, and eating 'heaven in a bowl' (taco salad with creamy jalapeno), just speak the words, "Seattle Seahawks," and a gigantic smile will appear and her eyes will brighten with sort of a glazed excitement. Her breathing will accelerate and it's quite possible that if we cut her she'd bleed navy blue, lime green, and silver. [LOL!]

Of course nothing takes precedence over God! At the age of 10 Sherry gave her heart to Jesus at a revival that Ray Bradley was preaching. She remembers feeling like she really needed to go up during the altar call. She remembers crying and crying and when she left the altar she knew that she was changed.

Even though her family always went to church a relationship with God was more fear-based rather than love-based. She felt like she was doing everything right but her life was falling apart and she became angry with God and strayed from really living for Him.

Her turning point was when she and Tim were in a horrible car accident that should have taken her life. While she was in the burn unit at U of L recovering, her dad said, "Sherry, you know this is a wake up call." Thankfully God brought Christian nurses, doctors, and patients into her life. One night an overwhelming sense of God loving her filled her heart.

He helped her to see living for Him was more about His love and not doing the right things. Afterwards she visited the church during a special conference. During this time she was slain in the Spirit for the first time ever. She went home and told Tim that he needed to come. He did and they both made a commitment to follow God all the days of their life. Relationship with God is now completely about being in love with Him and He being completely being in love with her.

It is her desire to see the people of Revolution Church whole-heartedly fall in love with Jesus. Not just love Him, but be in love with Him. Then they'll know who they are and then they can be who they were created to be.