

Congregational Spotlight on: *Duke Smith – Man of Faith*

It was just an ordinary Tuesday for most everyone except for Anna Ashlock Drury. You see the date was March 5, 1968 and she was welcoming a sweet baby boy into the world. We know him as: THE DUKE! Okay...maybe it's just Duke – LOL! He and his one brother and two sisters have grown up in a variety of places here in southern Indiana to various places in Kentucky.

He remembers a time he was working on something with a screwdriver when his sister Becky grabbed it. Well he held on and pulled back. When she let go it stuck in his right eye and cut a nerve. At the hospital they had to pull his eye out of its socket and he said he screamed cause he could still see out of it. Can't say as I blame him!

Even though he liked math, he didn't find school all that exciting. Athletic? Well...does dodge ball count? Basically he liked to do what most every young person likes to do as well: hang out with his friends and talk. However, that's not ALL he likes to do. FISHING HUNTING

Yep, that's right, Mr. Duke absolutely loves to fish and hunt. In fact, when he was younger he really wanted to become a professional bass fisherman. Let's just say that if there is anything he can do OUTDOORS then he is so gonna be there.

When he was 18 years old he was flipping through the cable channels and came upon TBN. He saw that The Power Team was going to be on the next night. Therefore he made sure to tune in the next evening because what they did interested him. After all he had been lifting weights since he was sixteen.

It is interesting to note here that Scott Frazee was on this particular power team he was watching. Well at the end of the program they gave the invitation for salvation and he repeated the prayer. Though his family didn't go to church, he knew something changed in him. And he began getting on his sisters to do right.

A few years later he met his wife, Candy at her sister's wedding. Interestingly enough he wore a suit, which didn't always happen, and the groomsmen that was supposed to walk Candy down the aisle didn't show up so they asked Duke to step in...and the rest they say is history.

Well they eventually married and Duke told her that he just knew they would have a son first. In fact, he already had the name picked out. Sure enough Candy gave birth to a baby boy first. They named him Robert Anthony. Why those names? Actually Robert was the name of his first best friend at Mt. Tabor School and Anthony was the name of his best friend in school when they lived in Shelbyville, KY.

Then they welcomed a baby girl into their home. Life happened and they began to experience problems in their marriage. At this time, Duke prayed and asked God to heal his marriage. Things began to change and Duke's faith in God became stronger. He remembers telling God, "I know You're real."

They ended up having a total of six children and even though times are tough between them right now he says that God is showing him how to love no matter what.

He would love to see the young people take a more active part here at Revolution

Church.