

## **Congregational Spotlight on: *Bridgette McCullum – God’s Little Darling***

God looked down upon the Stroud family and decided that they needed a little girl to shake things up a bit. Therefore in English, Indiana when Mrs. Stroud gave birth to a sweet little baby girl on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, God saw that it was very good.

With three brothers this little girl was quite the tomboy. Don’t get me wrong, Bridgette liked the girly things but she could run faster than the boys. Why she could even pitch a baseball or climb a tree better than those boys. As a matter of fact she could probably out stink them as well...you know...stinky feet, stinky armpits, and so on.

Bridgette’s favorite subject in school was science, especially biology. She was involved in the German club, played the viola, and sang in the choir. She also played softball and was the catcher for the team. Can anyone guess what her nickname was then? No? Okay...get ready...her nickname was ***Booge!***

She even attended cosmetology school because she decided that she would like to fix hair. Hmmm! It might not have been the best career choice. You see a poor unsuspecting girl walked into the cosmetology school to have her hair cut.

Bridgette was excited because she was going to get to cut hair; after all, this was why she was going to cosmetology school, right? Unfortunately something went wrong and the girl left crying. Needless to say Bridgette ended her career as a world famous hairdresser. Obviously this was not her calling.

As you remember she and Tom met on a school bus and he really liked her perfume. But Bridgette liked that he was much taller than she was. He was also quiet and seemed so much more mature than the other guys. AND he had long hair. Oh yeah! I am sure it was his long flowing locks that really did it for her. Thankfully she didn’t try to play hairdresser – LOL

All teasing aside, she fell madly in love with Tom. He was the first and only man to have ever kissed her...awwww! Though Bridgette was completely in love with this longhaired boy, her mother just didn’t like him. Of course that quickly changed after Bridgette and Tom were married. As a matter of fact it was on April 29, 1977 at St Mary’s Catholic Church where they said their marriage vows.

One of the things Bridgette loves to do is cook big meals and have her whole family together. She loves spending time with her husband and children. But...those grandchildren are her absolute favorite. She also likes watching old black and white movies or old westerns. And she loves gardens and flowers! She feels so peaceful and happy when watching things grow.

She also loves reading God’s word, which hasn’t always been on her list of favorites because it wasn’t until February 1980 that Bridgette gave her heart to Jesus. She had been battling depression and a friend invited her to a Bible study. She went and gave her heart and life completely to God. ALL her depression was gone and it was replaced with such peace and joy, which she had never known before.

Here at Revolution Church, her hope and desire is to see each one from the toddler to the senior saint be fully and completely in love with Jesus. She wants to see them totally surrender their lives and hearts to Him.

Each person is a diamond in the rough and only Jesus can reveal that beauty not only to everyone else, but also to that individual person. It is Jesus who causes the diamond to sparkle and shine. She would love to see the church grow in strength and in number and to see the Holy Spirit manifested in a holy and powerful way.