

**Congregational Spotlight on:**  
***Jessica Carpenter – God’s Cherished Treasure***

It was on a Tuesday when a sweet and loveable little girl came into the world. As a matter of fact the date was October 11, 1988 and the place was Clark Memorial Hospital. Jessica was the first child born to her mother; however, nineteen months later her little sister, Lydia, came and they got to experience childhood together.

Just as with most siblings, Jessica and Lydia had their occasional sister fights but for Jessica growing up in Henryville, her sister Lydia really was her best friend, along with her blanket, kid sister doll, and her Radio Flyer wagon.

In fact Jessica LOVED that little Radio Flyer! When she was five she’d get up on summer mornings and load up her Radio Flyer with her Fisher Price cassette player and her stuffed animals. Then she’d wander around for hours pulling her animals in the wagon and listening to her uncle’s rock tapes in her little cassette player.

Probably one of the most fun things she did with her Radio Flyer was put it at the end of the slide and fill it with water so she and her sister could have a ‘water slide’.

In addition to the makeshift water slide, they also loved to ride their bikes and play in the dirt. Sometimes they’d run over Coke cans and get them stuck on the bicycle rims, which of course helped the bicycle to turn into a motorcycle.

Jessica pretty much liked school, and art class was one of her favorites. She still loves art today as well as photography and music. She also enjoys being outside, walking around and looking at God’s creation. She also loves taking care of babies, especially the infants. And it’s no surprise that her job is caring for infants at Kids First Daycare.

Before Jessica came to know Jesus as her personal Savior she wasn’t really sure why she was even alive and pretty much didn’t have any hope. On September 15, 2004 she got saved at a youth music event at Graceland where a former football player spoke. At the time she was around 15 years old, almost 16 and for her it was the sweetest 16 birthday she could have ever had. It was on that day she encountered God’s great love for her.

In the months leading up to that day the youth pastor would ask every week if anyone wanted to be saved. Of course she would raise her hand every time. Sadly, there was no follow up so Jessica was left wondering, “What do I do now?” However, that day in September she realized she didn’t need to be saved over and over again every time she messed up. She came face to face with His grace.

Here at Revolution Church, she wants it to continue to be a safe place where people come to know their calling and who they are in Christ by hearing the truth from His word. She would like for all to live a holy life different from the world and for signs and wonders and miracles to follow us. We need to reach the nations by starting in our community.

