

Congregational Spotlight on:
Shermaine Lockhart – Darling Diva of the Lord

A bouncing baby girl came into the world on August 24, 1953 in Louisville, KY. Looking back Shermaine can now say that God was looking out for her right from the very beginning. When Shermaine was one and her older brother was two their mother abandoned them and it was during that time that she drank coal oil because she was so thirsty and thought it was something to drink.

Thank the Lord for grandmothers because it was Shermaine's grandmother who found the children alone in the house and rushed 'baby girl' to the hospital. Afterwards her grandmother gained custody of both her and her brother and raised them.

Did you know Shermaine was a big time softball player? Oh yeah! When Shermaine was a young girl she absolutely LOVED softball. Of course she was in charge! I mean, who else would take care of the bats and balls so they wouldn't get lost? Her favorite position was the pitcher, but sliding into home was downright thrilling. Besides what child doesn't like getting dirty? In fact she would have played ALL day if her friends had wanted too.

In high school Shermaine belonged to the Future Teacher's of America. She loved children and enjoyed taking care of them. When she graduated she began working for the Jefferson County School system by helping with the special needs children and later she worked in a daycare until she retired.

Though she was 'Mama' Shermaine to many children she is a mama to two of her own, a boy and a girl. She is also grandma to one grandson and great grandma to one little girl. In fact it is her son, James, who was instrumental in her going to church and getting saved.

Around 2004 he had started dating a Christian girl and then he began asking Shermaine to go to church with him. At first she wasn't really interested. After all church hadn't really been important in her life. When she was younger the only time they went to church was on Easter Sunday. As life 'happened' she developed many illnesses and did 'worldly' actions and had 'worldly' thoughts.

What did God want with her? After all, she didn't feel worthy enough to be loved by him. Look at some of the horrible things she had done! BUT she agreed to go with her son to church and that day she prayed the sinner's pray. When she left church that morning she felt so good and it was like there was a brand new sun in the sky.

Now with the Son in her heart, she began reading the Bible. Though she began to learn about Him, she still felt like she didn't deserve His love. God had gone through so much she felt as if she had been cheating Him. She was not worthy.

Thank the Lord she did not stop pursuing God because now she KNOWS that God loves her. Along with one of her favorite singers, Andrae Crouch she can truly say, "Through it all, I've learned to trust in Jesus, I've learned to trust in God."

She would love to see Revolution Church filled to overflowing and bringing in busloads of people.