

## **Congregational Spotlight on: *J.R. Drury – Smiling Man of God***

J.R. Drury was born on January 20, 1960 in Scottsburg, IN; however, he and his two brothers and five sisters were raised in Henryville. What a big family the Drury's had! It's not surprising since JR's dad was born a quintuplet, the first recorded quintuplets ever in the United States.

One known fact about JR is that he likes to joke with you. If you see his smiling face and a sparkle in his eyes, get ready because you're about to be the recipient of his dry sense of humor. His smile is infectious and brightens your day even more as he opens the door and welcomes you into the house of God.

Another maybe not so well known fact about JR is that he is a good speller. Go ahead; ask him, he'll s-p-e-l-l it out for you. Seriously, when he was in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade he out spelled the upper classmen in a spelling contest.

He is also a good pool player. When he was younger and foolish he actually lost a car in a bet playing pool. Yeah, that 'pool shark' saw him coming a mile off. Interestingly enough he became an even better pool player after that.

Did you know JR could also dance? Yep! But hold on a minute, he isn't the boogie-woogie, shake your booty sort of dancer. He likes country line dancing. If you don't know how, well then JR can teach you since he used to give dance lessons at one time in his life.

JR is all grown up now and drives truck for Kroger/Transervice; however, I am sure he still enjoys a good game of pool and a country line dance or two.

JR met his wife, Anna, in 1985 but they didn't get married until October 8, 1988. Together they have four children and fifteen grandchildren. This meat and potatoes kind of guy loves it when Anna cooks meatloaf cause it's one of his favorites. Grits? Oh yes! Just add butter and salt and the bowl will be emptied and possibly chased with another favorite, Big Red.

Church wasn't a big priority in his life growing up but he had been to church on and off. Of course he repeated the sinner's prayer quite a few times but it didn't really seem to "stick". He continued to do as he pleased and didn't take the God-thing seriously. His wife, Anna, was attending Graceland Baptist before attending River Falls on Thames Drive. She and many others were praying for his salvation and she kept asking JR to go to church with her but he always found an excuse not to attend.

Believe it or not, he told Anna that if God wanted him, He [God] was going to have to come down and get him. Two weeks later he went to a service at River Falls where Heaven's Gates & Hell's Flames drama was being done. He repeated the sinner's prayer again but this time it was different. God had come down and got him. JR hadn't realized what repeating the sinner's prayer really meant until that moment.

Living for the Lord changed his whole attitude about life. Now he prayed and read the Bible. His favorite is listening to the Bible being read on CD. Driving truck he has listened to the whole Bible being read from Genesis to Revelation. His desire for Revolution Church is to see it just 'bust open'. He wants to see a move of God's Holy Spirit so strong that it just pours out into the community.

