

Congregational Spotlight on: *Grace Miller – Woman of Grace*

It's Wednesday, March 6, 1968 around 2:06 a.m. and a little girl named Grace was born to Richard and Vera Miller at Salem General Hospital in Salem, Oregon. They were so excited because they had had two baby girls (Joy and Faith) born before her but they both passed away soon after they were born. In fact Richard was so happy he wore a gigantic pink button that read: It's a Girl!

Even though Grace was born in Oregon, she lived in several different places and by the time she began first grade she and her family were living on a farm in middle Georgia. Farm life was so much fun for Grace. Many times she'd help get the cows to the barn for milking time then help milk the cows.

At other times she and her two sisters and two brothers would make a game out of weeding the garden or digging up potatoes. They especially liked to go to the new calf pasture and look for the new calves that were born. However, it was the fishing pond in the new calf pasture that really kept them busy.

One time Grace was sitting on the bank with her legs in the water fishing, when all of sudden her dad said, "Grace, I want you to quickly scoot back and get out of the water." She did and about that time...WHAM...her dad used what they called his 'Moses' walking stick and hit a water moccasin snake right on the head and squished it flat. Needless to say Grace didn't hang her legs in the water after that.

Grace LOVED school. In fact she loved school so much she played school at home. She loved to read and would grab a stack of books and her two sisters and **now** three brothers would sit around her, as she would read to them. Since there was no television in the home they enjoyed the way she'd act out the stories using different voices.

From the farm they moved to Thomasville, Georgia where Grace finished her last six years of school. While in school she was a member of the Acapella Choir, the National Honor Society, and graduated fourth in her class. She attended Southeastern Bible College and got her Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education. She taught school for fourteen years and was a children's pastor for four years.

When Grace was eight years old she dreamt that Jesus was showing her the heavenly report card that had her name on it. And she had mostly F's and a few D's. Well that greatly distressed this young lady because in school she was a straight A student. When she awoke she was quite upset and her mother came in to see what the problem was.

After they talked and Grace asked Jesus into her heart she went back to sleep and this time God showed her the report card and there were A's and a few B's. He told her that there were some things that she needed to work on. Then at age 13 she received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Thankfully she had parents that answered many questions about God and the whole Christian life. Grace's love for God grew as she grew. There was never a time in her life that she ever wanted to not live for Him. For her she didn't ever want to lose that 'first love', so she always liked to make an effort to have a 'date' with God.

For her, relationship with God is of the utmost importance. She cherishes those intimate moments when she is alone with Him and she can sing to Him, talk with Him, and just be quiet and enjoy His presence.

Here at Revolution Church she would like to see everyone operate in their God-given authority. Not only do we show the love of the Father but that the power of God is very evident in every life. We are to be atmosphere changers. Wherever we go WE are to be Christ's representative.