

## **Congregational Spotlight on: *Debbie Kay Wheat – Friend of God***

It is the second day of the New Year, 1963 in New Albany, Indiana and Warren and Rose Wheat are welcoming another baby girl into their family, which they named Debbie. Sadly little Debbie would not get to know her father because six months and six days after she was born Warren Wheat passed away.

It wasn't until Debbie was seven years old that her mother remarried and they moved to Corydon. Now she and her sister, Rose Ann instantly had another sister and three brothers. In fact, her stepsister was also named Debbie so they had to start calling both girls by their middle names as well.

Now her stepsister, Debbie Ann, loved to joke around and Debbie Kay was always willing to join in with her pranks. One time Deb's mom, who worked the second shift, was fast asleep and Debbie Ann and little Debbie were in the garden and found some worms. Then Debbie Ann had the brilliant idea of waking up their mom using the worms.

Next thing you know Debbie Kay is swinging a worm over her mother's face urging her to wake up and her stepsister drapes a worm over her tongue. Needless to say her mother woke up screaming and the girls had a great laugh.

When Debbie was eleven years old, her oldest stepbrother went with her and helped her buy a 175 Yamaha motorcycle. And he also taught her how to start it without the key. One afternoon Debbie's sister, Rose, begged her for a ride. The only problem is that they were not supposed to be on the motorcycle while their mother was at work. That did not stop them and after all Debbie knew how to start it without the key. They were having a wonderful time until they hit a hole.

Well the motorcycle fell to the left and the back of Rose's leg landed on the exhaust pipe and it ended up being badly burnt. When their mother got home she found that Debbie had doctored Rose's leg. Yep, she had put Vaseline on it and wrapped it tight.

As far as school was concerned Debbie made pretty good grades; however, her favorite subjects were music and art. In fact she was invited to play cello in the Floyd County Youth Symphony. While in school she also participated in track. She also loved to play basketball, skateboarding, bicycling, and motorcycling.

At the age of 16 she was healed of diabetes and five years later she gave her heart to Jesus. It was at First Assembly on Charlestown Road where a visiting evangelist was preaching and he had given the altar call but he still felt as if there were more that needed to come forward.

As he spoke and walked around Debbie became fidgety and when his hand touched her shoulder she felt like she melted through the floor. She went forward gave her life to Jesus and received the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

Since her biological father had been in the Navy, Debbie decided that joining the Navy was the life for her. As she went to sign on the dotted line she heard a distinct...NO! After fasting and praying she knew that the Navy was not what God had for her. She ended up in Bible College and her adventure with God continues still.

Here at Revolution Church she desires to see the people hunger more for God's word and

His presence. And that everyone would be His word in action.