

**Congregational Spotlight on:
Noel Bond “Mack” – Loved By God**

It’s Sunday, April 30, 1972 and Jane Bond is at Floyd County Hospital because her sweet boy, Noel was coming into the world. When she looked down at her tiny bundle of joy she felt such an overwhelming love for the little guy. Even though her husband Gary had named him Noel, everyone began calling him Mack.

Growing up in New Albany, Mack never had brothers or sisters; however, he did have several aunts, uncles, and cousins. And he had a sweet grandmother named Juanita Wilson. While his mother worked she would stay at home and take care of Mack.

Now Mack loved to play outside. He liked to play basketball and kick ball. He also loved to go swimming. One of his favorite things was to ride his green and yellow Stingray bicycle up and down the alleyways.

During Christmas time little Mack was always very curious about the presents under the tree. Many times he would sit down by the gifts and when he thought no one was watching he’d pick up the presents and shake them. Sometimes he’d feel on it for a while trying to guess what it could be. Most times his grandma would catch him and say, “Mack, put that down. You know better than that.”

At school he had a lot of friends and he enjoyed reading the most. In fact Mack still likes to read and his favorite book to read is the Bible. He also liked math and recess was probably his favorite time.

When Mack was a young boy, his mother would take him to church at First Assembly on Charlestown Road where Woody Drost was the pastor. Around the age of eight Mack repeated the sinner’s prayer and accepted Christ as his personal Savior. At the age of ten he was baptized.

Pastor Drost loved Mack as much as Mack loved him. In fact there were many times that Woody Drost would have Mack sing: I Am Blessed. Sometimes Mack would play it on his guitar and sing it too.

Because of a bad ankle, Mack is disabled yet he still likes to take walks around the neighborhood. He also likes to watch good clean movies, especially science fiction ones like E.T. and Star Wars. And he likes to watch anything Disney.

Since Mack lives alone now and sometimes needs help, his aunt and uncle will come by to help clean the house, take him to doctor appointments or to the grocery store. One day he would like to get another dog so it wouldn’t feel so lonely around the house.

Mack loves Revolution Church and he would like to see more people come to the church. Most of all he would like to see more people give their hearts to Jesus. The best gift Jesus ever gave us was that He died for us.

Mack, you are so loved by God. No matter what, you are not alone. God said He would never leave you nor forsake you. You have a purpose and God created you especially for a

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specific work. And you are worth much to Him. Do not be afraid! He's got you in the palm of His hand.