

## **Congregational Spotlight on: Michelle Davis – Loving Woman of Faith**

It was on November 29<sup>th</sup> in Indianapolis that a pretty little girl named Michelle entered the world to a family that would eventually grow to a total of seven girls and five boys. They didn't stay in Indianapolis for long because when Michelle was four years old the family moved and made their home in Jeffersonville.

Though Michelle describes herself as a 'geek' in school, I disagree. Sure she was studious and loved subjects like math and English literature. So what if her hangout was the library! It just shows that she marched to her own tune. She didn't follow the normal crowd. She was a hidden treasure being molded and shaped by God.

Even though she liked the more challenging subjects, she also enjoyed drama. While in school she participated in an historical drama. She also really likes the ballet, especially The Nutcracker. And she LOVES to read books, especially the classics, like: To Kill A Mockingbird, Oliver Twist, and her all-time favorite, Gone With The Wind.

Michelle was never a troublemaker. Actually she pretty much minded her p's and q's. It was when Michelle was thirteen years old that her neighbor and friend invited her to a revival at a Church of God. It was there that she gave her heart to Jesus. And she lived for Him for fourteen years.

Then life happened and Michelle began to wonder what was it like to live in the world. Surely the grass was greener on the other side. So what if she walked around in the seemingly greener pastures for a while? What could happen?

Regretfully Michelle could tell you that sure you could try doing things your way apart from God but you never know how things are going to end up exactly. She always knew in her 'knower' that God loved her and that what she was doing was wrong but it all just began to get out of control.

Then she rededicated her life and living for God now is so much sweeter than it has ever been before. She wants young people to know that with the choices you make come the consequences. Sometimes these consequences can be difficult; however, God brings healing and restoration. And He does it at such a level that your life is forever changed and no longer resembles what you used to be.

This loving woman of faith has overcome so many obstacles and has not given up when times have gotten rough. Through it all her faith has not been shaken, her smile has reflected her trust in the One who loves her, and her hugs have said, "I care and I know."

Michelle and her two children Seth and Katie have been attending Revolution Church for sixteen years. Her heart's desire is to see more outreach to the children and that the church be a place for them.

She would love to see different programs for them because they are our future and we as adults could help them be victorious in Christ Jesus by loving them, sharing our testimonies, and showing we care by interacting in their lives.

Jesus is REAL! He was about showing love, compassion, and mercy. He was NOT about manipulating with guilt. And children of all ages need to see that and understand that they matter

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and that they are hidden treasures so completely loved by our heavenly Father.