

1 John 3:23-24 “And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.”

I was a young child when I confessed to God and my parents that I am a sinner and I cannot make right decisions on my own. I asked God for forgiveness and the Holy Spirit became my helper. The Spirit has been present throughout my life even when I chose to ignore his presence. The Spirit of God was there when I faced peer pressure in school or when I needed to make important decisions in life. I believe the Holy Spirit gifted me with the desire to teach others about God and his free gift of forgiveness and payment for our sins. I started teaching preschoolers Bible stories when I was a teenager. I moved away to college and began teaching preschoolers and eventually children at Church on Mill. Through teaching, God taught me patience and love for one another and I am constantly reminded of the good news that God’s Son, Jesus Christ, payed the penalty for my wrongdoing. This is exciting news especially when you can share it with young people who are becoming aware that God loves them so much that Christ died just for them. As I mature in age, the Spirit continues to lead my heart to change. Although heart change is not my favorite past time, it is a blessing to experience God and his love for me. Recently, the Spirit led me to become the coordinator of Children’s ministries. Now, I believe the Spirit is leading me to continue in that role as deacon. I hope to serve the families of Church on Mill as I continue to teach Bible stories to the children and provide opportunities for families to experience God together.

