

## “GROW IN SPIRIT”



### My Faith Story

My Faith story began as a child. I had that child-like faith that kept me close to God. My mother nurtured me and guided me. I was comfortable and content. Then something happened as I grew and experienced “The World” and its influence in my life. I needed more in my relationship with the Lord. As St. Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 13:11 “When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me.” That happened to me in a profound way on September 16, 1979 when I felt the Holy Spirit calling me to an altar and I asked Jesus to take over my life and the choices I make. It was the will of my creator that would lead me to serving Him not my own will. I wanted nothing more than to do His will in my life. And so, with much prayerful thought, my commitment to my parish family of St. Christopher ‘s resulted in many ministries.

I, along with my wife Mary and many others, initiated the Renew program for our parish. Then came Disciples in Mission. I was on the first team of Christ Renews His Parish; wonderful program of faith sharing which is still alive and well today. I became a Lector. I joined our wonderful choir so I could “pray twice.” Now I am part of a Bible Study program with a group of friends hungry for “The Good News” and that hunger is being satisfied in a very special way. My love of God’s word is my strength, my guide, and my assurance that when I am called home, Jesus will say to me “Welcome good and faithful servant.” I invite you to search your heart and consider getting involved in any of the many ministries available here at St. Christopher’s. Everyone has a gift which can bring praise to God. All you have to do is pray first; then listen and respond to His call and feel confident that your efforts will be rewarding not only to you but to your brothers and sisters in Christ.

In Christ’s love,  
Bob S.—Lector, Choir