



Heartbeat

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Girl talk about folks to appreciate

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Appreciating Candy Glasco.....by Linda Hallam

I believe I can say without hesitation that my husband's passion for his hometown football team, the Buffalo Bills, was a major factor in my initial introduction to Candy Kless Glasco. When we lived on Lincoln Street just to the west of the original church building, Candy and Ron Kless lived on McKee just across from the church. Our mailman knew that my husband was a Bill's fan and delivered the team newsletter to our mailbox without even looking at the address. Since my husband had never subscribed to this newsletter, he was surprised to see it. Then when he looked at the address he realized that it belonged to someone else. That someone was Ron Kless, Candy's first husband.

The trip across the street to deliver the newsletter to Ron resulted in an invitation to the church, a discovery that a mutual Buffalonian and Bills fan lived so close, and the development of a delightful friendship with both Ron and Candy. They soon came to visit the church and to renew their relationship with Jesus as Lord of their lives.

If I had to choose just one word to describe Candy it would actually be three words. Music...Music...Music!!! As a young girl she loved to sing even before her first starring role in her sixth grade musical. Born in Waterloo, Iowa, and then growing up in Traer, Iowa, a small town of about 1800, Candy had the rare experience of going to school from Kindergarten through high school graduation in the same town. In high school Candy sang in a quartet with whom she attended music camps and even went to All State Chorus together. After that she joined a folk band made up of seven people who performed at various events including the Iowa State Fair.

Growing up in a loving family, Candy was the middle child. Two sisters who were 7 and 8 years old when Candy was born and another sister two years after that were already established into a tight sister pact and were all surprised at the news of a baby brother. This dynamic produced a scenario that allowed Candy to be very close to her nieces and nephews, children of her older sisters but also be close to her younger sister and brother. Although they don't live close together like they did while growing up, Candy says they have strong friendships even today. Having met Candy's mom from several visits to Sanctuary, I know that her mom was an encouragement and example to Candy in many ways.

So how does someone with Candy's professional voice and acting abilities find herself in Chicago after growing up in Traer, Iowa? I love it when God orchestrates our lives without us even knowing it. After college Candy came to Chicago with a girl friend who was attending grad school. Candy found employment at Chicago Northwestern Railroad and stayed in Chicago. Meeting Ron, her first love, who also worked for the railroad probably had something to do with her staying. She enrolled at Roosevelt University to work on a Masters program. After that Candy began to audition and get involved with several community theatre groups throughout the Chicago area.

You may have had the privilege of hearing and seeing Candy perform at local Chicago venues such as the Elgin Community Theatre, Pheasant Run, Drury Lane-Oakbrook, The Organic, The Touchstone Theatre and many others. "Table for Four" was a close harmony quintet (ok, someone had to stand at that table for four) with whom Candy had the opportunity to perform in many places including college campuses, various orchestras in the mid-west and many madrigal dinners. After 30 years with the Saint Charles Singers, Candy retired just last year.

When Ron Kless met Candy she recalls many similar interests such as the love of travel, ballroom dancing, his two adult sons whom she came to love as her own and also, Ron's friendship with Brian Hill. It was that, plus a common interest in music that allowed Candy to be known as "Grandma Candy" to the Hill children. She treasures her friendship with Brian and Cathy and all of her wonderful "grand-children."

Ron's illness and death was a very sad experience for all of us, Candy most of all. However, watching Candy at Ron's side at the hospital and seeing her strength and courage through it all gave me insight into what a tremendous example she is of a Christian wife.



Candy met Greg Glasco at Sanctuary. It had been quite a few years since Ron passed away and Greg had recently divorced. Candy said, "When Ron passed away I told the Lord if there was to be another love for me He would have to bring him to me. And that He did, Greg, like Ron, loves the Lord and I believe that is the most important quality in a spouse." Greg and Candy married September 2014. Greg has three sons and Candy tells me it is a joy getting to know them, especially AJ who has his father's heart for the Lord.

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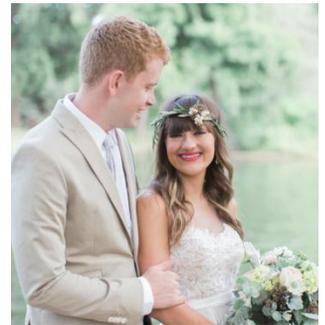
Calendar Corner

- 1st Laundry Love @ 6:30, Batavia Laundromat
- 3rd Teacher Training 9 to noon
- 4th Communion served
Ladies pray @ 5:00
- 7th Pizza for all @ 6:30
BODY SHOP for all @ 7-8
(Body Shop every Wednesday)
- 8th Chocolate Conversation @ 7
at Chocolate Kitchen on 3rd St., Geneva
- 16th Prayer & Praise @ 7
- 18th Faith Promise Sunday
- 24th Ladies Fall Retreat***
- 25th Pastor Appreciation***
- 30th Set-up for Fall Festival
- 31st Family Fall Festival, 4:30***

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For Prayer and Praise...

• **Crissy Chapman** became Mrs. Ryan Cole on August 28th. They married in St. Louis, honeymooned in Jamaica, and will live in Highland Ranch, CO. No surprise she was a beautiful bride.



• **Summer Luber's** (our other recent bride) new home is actually 1945 Grandview Place Montgomery IL 60538. Sorry about needing a correction.

• **Heather Rios** and family have a new address. It is 51 East Highland, Bristol, IL 60512.

Birthdays to Celebrate

- 8th Heather Rios
- 13th Mary Sharp
- 29th Charlotte Gerber
- 30th Pastor Keith

New Grandbaby....



New dad, Christopher Hallam, holds Ethan Christopher. Born Wednesday September 2nd, 7 pounds 8 ounces and 20 inches long. Chris wasn't much older than this when his parents, Linda and Pastor Keith, made their first appearance at our church. To quote Chris "My one mission is to keep this little guy alive!" To quote Linda "I think we've all been there and thought the same thing. He and Faith are so very happy."

You Are Invited

Ladies Fall Gathering

Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015

Lunch begins at 11:30

Introduction and Discussion

at 12:15-1:30

Are you ready for ANYTHING?

WHAT IF YOU TOLD GOD YOU WOULD
DO ANYTHING...
AND HE TOOK YOU UP ON IT?

Join us for Lunch and
the introduction of the book

Anything

Author: Jennie Allen

We will study this book early 2016

A Free copy of Anything is yours
for joining us.

Cost: \$10.00

Watch for a bulletin insert to register!

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So now you have heard about the Music of her childhood, the Music of her adult years and marriage to Ron and years later to Greg. Now comes the third Music in her life. This involves her recalling her teen years when her Pastor who was also her Youth Pastor combined several youth groups in the Traer, IA, area for weekend Christian camp-outs. It was at one of these that Candy gave her life to Christ. She tells me, "During college that relationship with Christ grew distant but when I met Ron he had just become a new Christian and he brought me back to the church, and Sanctuary brought me back to Christ for which I am so thankful."

When Candy came back to the Lord and to the church she found a new way to use her music, for the Glory and Praise of God. We have all enjoyed her majestic voice in solos, with the worship team, directing choirs, and in various musicals at Christmas, Easter, and even her many talents that she brings to musicals involving our children here at Sanctuary.

Some of Candy's many other interests involve international travel as well as seeing much of the United States. She has been to Japan, Taiwan, Korea, England, Spain, Greece Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Austria, and Hungary just to name a few. She loves China the most and recalls her trip with the Hill's to bring Ava back to her new home. She also loves France because she travels there with the Hill family. She also loves "get away" vacations and being on the beach. She even hopes to live part of the year in Florida when she retires. Of course you probably all know that Candy is Sanctuary's office manager which is no easy task I am sure. She and Debbie both do a wonderful job of keeping the pastors on track with current events in the lives of our church family. Wherever Candy is, she will bring her special "music" to all who are with her.



Grandma Candy & Ava Hill

Parenting Tip.....Appreciating Them

(from Parenting Magazine)

Remember the days when your preschooler showed you every last drop of paint he splattered on paper so you could rave about it? And when you could talk your kindergartner into playing soccer just by telling her how awesome she was? When kids get to be 7 and 8, they transition from being overly optimistic about their abilities to being realistic. They're beginning to know what they are capable of, how good they are at it, how they measure up to their classmates, and when the praise their parents give them rings true." You may hear "You have to say that -- you're my mom."

How do you articulate your praise so that it meshes with your child's savvy new stage? Increase self-esteem by tweaking your compliments so they sound more legit.

Emphasize the Effort

Canned "I'm proud you didn't get anything wrong on the spelling test."
Credible "I see you worked hard on memorizing the spelling words."

Focus on Improvement

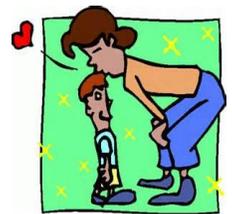
Canned "This is the most creative art project in the class."
Credible "Your art project is even more detailed than last time."

Be Understated But Sincere

Canned "You're a great big brother."
Credible "That's pretty good how you helped Lila put her toys away."

Spotlight Specific Achievements

Canned "Terrific job selling all those Girl Scout Cookies!"
Credible "It was smart to smile and look customers in the eye when you asked them to buy the cookies."



Of News and Note....

- **Pastor Appreciation Sunday** is October 25th. Bring your cards and notes of appreciation for our pastoral staff: Pastor Keith, Pastor Brian, and Pastor Kurt. Baskets for each will be at the Welcome Center to receive your cards. Just a hint: each of these men have a wonderful wife that needs and appreciates your words of encouragement as well.
- **Faith Promises Sunday** is October 18th. These Faith Promises will be a six month commitment to the missions program of Sanctuary. Over 25 ministries and missionaries (home and foreign) receive monthly support by this congregation.
- **Family Fall Festival** will be Saturday, October 31st beginning at 4:30 to 7:00.. This is a family event....so come for dinner at 4:30 followed by a movie, lots of fun, and of course candy! A great time to invite neighbors and friends.
- **Candy donations needed:** part of the Fall Festival fun for kids is receiving bags of candy. That's where you come in! Each family is asked to donate a large bag of wrapped candy. A collection basket will be in the Foyer.