

Story of Faith: Doug Bolton

I was born in Atlanta and grew up in the Southern Baptist Church. My mother was very involved in her church, and began playing the piano at church services, which we attended every Sunday morning and evening and Wednesday night and did visitations on Thursday evenings. I was at the church just about every time the doors were open and was saved when I was in the 4th grade.

After being discharged from the Navy I joined DeKalb County Police, and my attendance at church waned as I worked weekends, nights, and holidays. Seeing some of the worst things that humans do to other humans had its effect on me, as it does a lot of cops, and it was difficult

for me to understand why such evil things happened. But I maintained my deep rooted faith in God and prayed routinely for those souls and the souls of my fellow officers. Over the years I lost more officers in the line of duty than I want to think about and attended funerals of many more. But I know they made a difference in many, many people's lives. While I had several close calls, the Lord looked over me until I retired.

The Lord also looked over Sherri who also worked at DKPD. We met there and married and have been married for over 30 years now. Her faith has helped me in mine, and I am truly blessed to have found her. She retired as a lieutenant and experienced many of the things that I did, so we understand each other well. We joined FPC in 2003 and have enjoyed the fellowship, friends, and community that FPC allows us to be a part of. Our faith has deepened since then.

Service is part of my faith. While still at DKPD I joined South DeKalb Rotary Club and became active in community service. When Sherri and I moved to Covington I joined Covington Rotary where my community service continues. Sherri and I have been very fortunate to have been involved in several projects and programs that have helped others, and we do our best to live up to the motto of Rotary in our lives and in our church - Service Above Self.