### Susan's Story My name is Susan Barnhart. My husband, Gary and I live in Canton, Illinois. We spend

4 months in Daytona Beach Shores throughout the year to enjoy the beautiful Florida sunshine, beach and wonderful people. We have attended church in our home town throughout our lifetime. We love the Lord and felt a need to worship but were struggling with finding a church family in Illinois. We started coming to worship at the Drive-In Church after we helped with the car shows. The lives that the Drive-In Church impacted through the variety of outreach programs touched our hearts. We came to worship every Sunday while in Florida and for the first time in many years felt that the Lord had provided us with our "church home and family". We came to know Pastor Bob and Pastor Linda as friends and felt the love that they had for the Lord, the Church, and the people that they served. We prayed about transferring our membership and the Lord placed it on our hearts that the Daytona Beach Drive-In Christian Church was "our home". We have been asked "how can you transfer your church membership to a place where you are only living 4 months a year?" Yes, we love pulling in on Sunday mornings in person and seeing the familiar faces at the gate greet us; experiencing the feeling of being on Holy Ground; waving at the folks we know; listening to the music and the sermon; and discussing the sermon when we go to lunch with friends. But we also pull up YouTube/Facebook on our TV when we are in Illinois and feel that same warmth and love, see the beautiful blue sky, listen to the opening song, the sermon, see Pastor Bob and Pastor Melissa coming as "big as life" on the screen and feel that we are worshipping as though we were right there each of you. For this reason, I have agreed to serve on the Outreach and Evangelism Committee so that others may experience the love of the Lord and the church from wherever they are living. Hopefully in the future the online worshippers will not only experience the Church through Sunday morning worship but will be engaged in prayer groups, committees, online Bible study, and spreading the love of the Lord and the outreach of Daytona Beach Drive-In Christian Church in the communities wherever they live.

# **Contact Us**

Give us a call for more information about the "OUR JOURNEY CONTINUES..." Capital Campaign, or any of the ministries of the Drive In Christian Church.

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God is up to next!



### "Our Journey Continues..." Capital Campaign



Raising \$500,000 to Continue, Support, and Expand our Ministries...

The mission and vision of the Drive In Christian Church is that we offer a ministry meeting and greeting people from many different places and life circumstances, on one journey to know and celebrate the life-saving and life-giving love and grace of Jesus Christ, by offering an experience that is marked by...

#### Welcome

We welcome people from near and far with Christ's embrace

#### Hospitality

We provide for spiritual gathering and growth recognizing we may be "entertaining angels without realizing it!" (Hebrews 13:2)

#### Worship

We worship together by offering a familiar experience in a unique and beautiful outdoor setting

#### Praise

We offer praise to God as we gather for worship and as we're scattered to serve

"We come here every year and love attending. So nice to have a church away from home that feels welcoming." - **S. Young** 

"We hit it annually as we vacation in nearby Ormond. It's always such fun and a wonderful sermon. If we lived here it would surely be our home church." - E. Thompson

"The extracurricular events provides for a very nice community environment. I really like the entire concept of a drive in church. It fits the needs of the current environment."

- K. Smith

"Love this church for its continued support of the community, especially the recovery community. Thank you Pastor Bob & Pastor Melissa for your service to the community!"

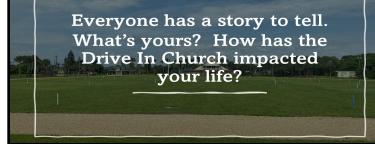
- V. LaRue



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## Tony's Story

I've been attending the Daytona Beach Drive In Church for 3.5 years and a member for 3 years. One of my goals in life is to help others and give back. I'm pleased to report that being a member of this Church provides me a way to reach that goal.



Helping others is what ministry is about. The Drive in Church offers many ways to get involved. When volunteers are needed Rev. Bob or Rev. Melissa make an announcement during Sunday service then all we have to do is let the office know we're interested, and we will be contacted.

In my case, a request was made for volunteers to work on the Building & Grounds Committee. I volunteered, was contacted, and have had the opportunity to work on many in-house projects. As I worked in one group I met other members and discovered even more ways to help. I still serve with the Building & Grounds Committee and also help in other areas.

Our pastors have B-I-G goals for the next 5 years here at the Drive In Church! Here's a few of them:

Reduce our mortgage debt (for the Friendship Hall Building) by 75%; engage in establishing a program of Recovery Ministry for our congregation and the community; a thriving faith formation programming for children and youth; provide increased service/volunteer opportunities within our community

The mortgage debt is the largest monthly expense the Church has. Reducing or eliminating the mortgage debt is the first step in achieving all the goals above. With the mortgage debt reduced, the rest of these goals will become easier to accomplish because we will have more financial resources available to fund them and the minis-

tries of the Drive in Church will continue to thrive. Please help make these 5-year goals a reality. ~Tony Lamacchia

### Jacquie's Story

My name is Jacquie Curtice (more commonly known as Landen's mom). When challenged with the question of how the Drive-In has impacted my life, I didn't even know where to

Closing our Board Meeting with Prayer July 2021

start. When I was 13, my pastor at the time recommended I attend a lock-in being hosted by our sister church. I was nervous, worried, and pretty shy at that age, but reluctantly agreed. I thank God every day that I said "yes"! At that lock-in I met Rev. Melissa who became my youth leader and like a second mom to me. As I grew up, she became a role model and a friend. The Drive-In provided bi-weekly youth group meetings that offered a spiritual fire that I had only ever experienced at church camp. When I was 18, I realized that I needed a change in my spiritual journey and decided to transfer membership to the Drive In Church where Landen and I were both greeted with open arms.

This church has given me the opportunity to grow in my faith and my experiences. I have been fortunate enough to counsel summer camps, teach Sunday school, and serve the General Church as the Moderator of the Young Adult Commission through www.discipleshomemissions.org. My son, Landen, has had the opportunity to travel to General Assemblies, attend Sunday School, Summer Camp, volunteer, participate in VBS and grow in his faith journey surrounded by people who love and support him. They say it takes a village and I am so lucky that you all are an important part of our village. Indeed, Our Journey Continues!



"Our Journey Continues..." Campaign Events

- Oct. 3 Kick Off Sunday Oct. 9 Meet 'n Greet Outdoor Reception 4 - 5:30 pm Oct. 10 Prayer Commitment Sunday
- Oct. 17 Pledge Card Sunday
- Oct. 24 Pledge Commitment Sunday
- Oct. 31 Celebration Sunday

What's God up to next?

Now that our beautiful new Friendship Hall Building is complete, the goal of this \$500,000 three year "Our Journey Continues" Capital Campaign will help us reduce our mortgage debt so that we can redirect our finances toward growing our ministries and increasing our outreach and impact on the lives of people within our local community and beyond.

