

HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER

Psalm 118: 1-2

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good: his love endures forever.”

My husband serves as the district chair for Buildings and Locations. One of the committee’s responsibilities is to approve and refer recommendations for the sale of church buildings and properties. I have often traveled into the countryside with him as he inspected the property and talked with surrounding neighbors and church members about the life and reason for the closure of the building. I always find this to be a sad moment but a recent visit was even harder. He was going to the church where my earliest memories of church as a small child were created. My parents and I lived a block from the church so my mom and I would walk to Sunday School when my dad was on national guard duty. Normally, we would go to the ‘big’ church downtown but that required a car that my dad needed to get to his assignment.

My husband began his tour of the building while I remained upstairs. In the silence I could almost hear the voices and giggles of a sanctuary filled with children. I could still see us sitting shoulder to shoulder for the official Vacation Bible School picture which I still have.

Tears began to stream down my face when I heard a still voice. “Deborah, I gave you this church, to love you as a small child. I sent others through the years to nurture and care for you. And, I will continue to love and care for you as you age. I will not leave you. My love WILL endure forever”.

Prayer: I give you thanks and praise O Lord and to the people of Epworth Church for the love and memories you provided to so many neighborhood children like me. Amen.

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