

“Member Profile”

This week's feature: *Deb and Tim Gibbons*



Deb was born in Toledo and grew up in Parma, OH. She met her husband, Tim, when she was working as a hair stylist. He was one of her clients. They started to go out after his appointments at the end of the day as friends, and it gradually grew into a relationship. Their son, Brett, is 22 and lives in Texas. Tim has two older children from a previous marriage. Son Tim, age 33, lives in Chicago, and Nicole, age 34, who recently moved in with Deb and Tim last year. Deb says that when son, Brett, moved to Texas, Nicole moved in. She added that she feels God knew that they were not yet ready to be empty nesters.

Deb has a brother who lives in Florida and is semi-retired. She has a sister who lives in Fairview Park. She mentioned that she had an adopted brother, who had a difficult life and has passed away.

Interestingly, Deb went to college three times. The first time she attended Bowling Green State University and got a Bachelor of Music degree in Education. Her plan was to become a music therapist, but she discovered a passion for hair styling, and immediately after graduation went to cosmetology school. She had a wonderful career for over 20 years, working at the Dino Palmieri Salon. She then went back to school, attending Nursing

School at Lorain Community College. That was at the same time her son was starting kindergarten. While in Nursing School, she continued to work at the salon. She graduated and her first six years as a nurse were spent as a Trauma Nurse at Metro Health Medical Center. She then spent more than six years as a Short-Stay Nurse on a surgery floor. Currently she works as a Telehealth Triage Nurse. Deb says this is a fancy term for the Nurse Advice phone-line. During this time she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Ohio University, all the while working full time. I believe that her original desire to help people as a music therapist never really went away as she changed careers into Nursing.

She joined POP about six years ago, and is very active at church. She is a lesson reader, serves communion, brings communion over to Arden Courts with her good friend Barb Viets. She also uses her Medical training to do Blood Pressure screenings at church. She also is currently on the Call Committee searching for a new full-time Pastor.

Deb says that she loves to travel, read, hike, work on crafts and spend time with friends. She also loves photography and scrapbooking. She is currently working on photographing each page of her many scrapbooks so she can save them digitally. Most people don't know that in 1990 Deb traveled solo to Indonesia. She made stops in Honolulu, Bali, and Singapore before hooking up with her friend in Jakarta. Together they hiked through mountain rice fields, visited a sulfur volcano, visited a national forest and many famous Hindu temples. Her friend's father was an avid bird lover, and had show-pigeons that he kept in the garage and an outdoor aviary with other fancy birds. Deb said that whenever she went into the aviary a magpie would fly down and sit on the top of her head.

Deb remains very active, and is a very caring and loving person. Be sure to say Hi when you see her at church.

By Dick Hardy, Profile Reporter