

GET TO KNOW ME!



Shirley Hasson **A True Coal Miner's** **Daughter**

You may recognize this woman, who is so active in the church, greeting you with a warm hug and a smile, cooking, cleaning, decorating, working in the nursery and always ready to pray for your need. However, you might not know that she is a true coal miner's daughter from Eastern Kentucky, who lost her father in a coal mine before she was actually born. Her grandfather was a Baptist preacher and her Pentecostal mother was a good Christian woman who took her and the family to church each Sunday and every other chance she could, until she passed away when Shirley was 15 years old. The following years found Shirley moving with family members, and being

constantly bombarded by Satan's attacks.

Years later, Shirley came to Power and Praise with Ann Jordan, her niece, and Gary Sturgill, her nephew, who at the time was battling cancer, and realized she had been missing so much in her life without that close spiritual walk with the Lord. She came forward during the altar call, and re-dedicated her life to God and found a home. Later, she brought one of her sons, Mark, now the guitarist on the Praise Team, and he also found what he had been missing for so long.

Shirley loves the old gospel music and "Amazing Grace" is one song that reminds her of God's saving power and sustaining love that has given her strength through losing all of her siblings, including two sisters within six months of each other. However, you will see her during worship, with her hands in the air, tears streaming down her face, praising God with her whole being for His goodness and mercy.

Like so many other born-again Christians, Shirley's absolute favorite Bible verse is:

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16

This verse shows God's ultimate love that looked beyond our faults, failures, and sins; to sacrifice His beloved Son, who knew no sin, that we might have the opportunity to come to the saving knowledge of Christ and dwell with Him forever. Now, that's one amazing love!

For 15 years, Shirley has been married to a fantastic man named Mike, and she has two great sons, two wonderful daughter-in-laws, (one is me, Anna) four precious grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. She loves to spend her spare time gardening and going to estate sales. But being at NLIC, worshipping with all of her family and friends, interceding for others, and honoring God in all her ways, makes Shirley the kind of woman you definitely need to get to know!