

July 18, 2010



They met in a Women's Studies Class at Knox College. Chris Miles needed a social science class. He signed up for "Adventures of Lewis & Clark" and was bored. He said the professor was too "gung-ho," so he wanted to change the class. There was an opening in the Women's Studies Class, and he joked that he would be able to meet girls--and he did. He met a girl wearing a Metamora shirt and discovered they had mutual acquaintances.

Chris was a student athletic trainer, and Dawn played basketball, so they continued to cross paths.

Chris was born to Mike & Jane Miles on Oct. 23, 1978 in Phoenix Arizona. He graduated from Metamora High School in 1997, attended Knox College in Galesburg, and medical school at the University of Illinois in Peoria. He did his Family Medicine residency in Peoria, and a Sports Medicine Fellowship at Wake Forest, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. One sister, Kathryn, lives in Maine.

Chris is now a physician at Methodist Medical Group in Washington, located at Illini Family Medicine on Cummings Lane.

Dawn was born to Larry & Beth Thorndyke on Nov. 10, 1980 in Fairbury, Illinois. She attended Tri-Point High School in Cullom, Illinois. She then attended Knox College, majoring in Education and Psychology. She has a brother, Adam, who lives in Piper City, IL, and a sister, Tracy, who just moved to Kentucky.

Dawn was a fifth grade teacher in Morton, until she decided to be a stay-

at-home mom, though she still teaches a Body Flow class at Five Points twice a week. This fall she is excited about teaching a Body & Soul class. This class is a combination of cardio, strength, core, and some flexibility, and it is all choreographed to Christian music. Dawn said this class is normally held in churches, and she is the first person to teach this class in a gym.



Chris and Dawn Miles were married at Our Redeemer Luther Church on Aug. 3, 2002. Hayden Joseph was born on May 10 of this year.

Dawn grew up in a small, family-oriented Lutheran church. Chris grew up in an Episcopalian church. Both were baptized as infants.

When the Miles moved to Washington, they decided to try different churches. The first one they tried was Washington Christian Church, because their friend Nate Hart was interning as the worship leader. Chris' friend Gary Driscoll was there as well. They went out to lunch with Nate, Gary, Bocharts, and Petersons. They felt very comfortable at WCC, and it was within walking distance of their home at the

time. Although they intended to try other churches, they never did.

The first time they attended, WCC's Care Ministry team followed up with them. The Bochart's delivered cookies to their door. Unfortunately, the Miles' were in Maine for two weeks and returned to a wet, ant-riddled mess on their porch. Bochart's did bring a second batch later, and made sure they were home the second time!

Chris and Dawn said they did not have any conflicts initially with anything they learned at WCC. But, the more educated they became they found a big one—immersion. They both felt they had already been baptized growing up when they were sprinkled. They didn't realize there was another view. Eventually, they both came to the conclusion that immersion was what the Bible teaches, so on March 9, 2010, Chris and Dawn were baptized with their Lifegroup in attendance.

Since coming to WCC, Chris and Dawn have been in Mike & Jess Bochart's Lifegroup. Both have helped with VBS, mostly registration, but often wherever help is needed. And Dawn has attended the Circle of Friends meetings.

Chris' favorite scripture is Philippians 4:13; Dawn's is Isaiah 40:31.

Dawn likes to listen to 91.5, country, and classical music. She says, "It just depends on the day." Her favorite band is Minus Six from the Quad Cities. She said it is an indie-pop-rock band, with just a piano, bass, drums and a woods player, and they write their own music. Chris likes Christian rock, and his favorite band is Need to Breathe. The last movie they watched was Forever Strong, about a rugby player. They said it was a good

movie. If you haven't already, stop the Miles family and ask Chris why he's a Hawkeye fan!



WCV is looking for a responsible adult or high school student who would be willing to mow a section of straight, flat land for the summer. The volunteer would use the Home's tractor. See Anamarie Morris if interested.



High Seas Expedition: August 1st-5th. 6-8:30 pm. See bulletin board in the foyer for items needed. Still need lots of volunteers to help! See sign-up sheets. **Closing program - Sun, Aug. 8th at 10 am. One worship service that day.**

This year at VBS we are challenging our kids to serve others through Operation Kid-to-Kid. Last year we collected school supplies to donate to area students and were surprised by how many were in need. This year we will be assembling backpacks filled with all the supplies a student needs. Please join with us in serving the Washington community schools by donating a backpack. This will allow the children at VBS to focus their contribution around supplies and meet the needs of as many students as possible! Backpacks can be brought to the church anytime before August 1st. Thank you for your participation in being the hands and feet of Christ!



FOOD4ALL Pick up is this Saturday, July 24th from 7-8:30 am.

Easter Seals - "Team Luke and Friends": "Walk with Me" fundraiser this Sat, July 24th @ Cornbelter's Stadium in Bloomington. If you are interested in sponsoring or joining our team, "Luke and Friends", follow the online links at <http://specialkids-mom.blogspot.com/> and click on the link on the left, "Team

Luke and Friends". If you can't access the internet but wish to help or have questions, please contact Sheri Young (359-3634) or ssyoung03@yahoo.com

Circle of Friends is hosting its annual summer get-together at Fired Up Pottery, in Peoria. Join us on Thur, July 29th at 6 p.m. Invite a friend! Studio fee: \$8 (to paint) & pottery pieces range from \$3 on up. Bring \$ if you want to order pizza with the group and/or feel free to bring a treat or drink to share. There is a sign-up sheet in the F.H. We need a head count by July 21st. Any questions, call/email Cara Getz: 369-6333 / carrot_cake78@hotmail.com

Plan Ahead: Another Beth Moore Ladies Bible Study starting in September! We will be studying the Book of Daniel so read through that book over the summer. We will be setting dates and times soon. Keep your calendar open.



Offering, 7/11:.....\$6,133.19
YTD offering:\$224,418.83
Gen. Fund exp YTD:\$221,233.07

Workers Today (7-18)	
SS Nursery	Howards
Wor. Nursery	C Powers / N Sinn, M Beebe
Kings Kids	Groffs / L Libotte
Wee Worship	Farraher's / M Fisher, K Thurman
CARE Ministry	JBochart, GBrowning/McClintock's
Greeters	C Lewellen / Geisz's
Deaconess for July: Char Hackett & Joyce Schupp	

Workers Next Week (7-25)	
SS Nursery	Hynek's
Wor. Nursery	Huelsmann's / Bochart's
Kings Kids	Volz's / B Howley
Wee Worship	SFrazier, ERoberts/BHoyt, THowley
CARE Ministry	M Bochart, R Nelson / Getz's
Greeters	Brown's / Schupp's
Deaconess for July: Char Hackett & Joyce Schupp	
Communion Prayer: M Bochart	
Offering Med: Bill Groff & Ian Howley	



HOSPITAL: Myra Snyder—broken hip—Tony's sister-in-law; Karen Patterson—surg.—Amy Sinn's friend; Jacqueline Landreth—surg. - Bambi's daughter; Mike Smithee—surg.; Juanita McCollum— blood clot—Proc. #485;
AT HOME: All of Our Missionaries; **Our Leaders and our Men & Women in the**

Armed Forces: Mike Spain/family - Judy Spain's son; Al Dunham; Christian Harr - MacDonald's nephew; Edna Gold - Norma Sinn's mother; De Hamilton; Alyssa Brucks - Jane Youngs granddaughter; Jane Young; Mary Geisz - Stan's ex-sister-in-law; Erma Kemper; Tony Smithee; Bryan Beebe; Jere - Leona Stiltz's nephew; Sally Stout - Taylors' friend; Mary Snyder; John Tucker—Bill Groff's brother-in-law; Carl Johnson; Eugene & Margret Shurts -mission trip—Ruth Belmont's parents; Susan—Rick Mason's sister-in-law; Edith Buttrum - Amanda Sander's grandma; John & Sally Schaffer - Shanna Gerth's parents; Bev Haselhorst - Kara McClintock's friend; Doug Meeks dad; Lexi Helfrich - Milestone's friend; Kim Wade - Christy Archdale's friend; Ernie - cancer - Sinn's friend; Bob & Liz Chaney; Katie Peters - Amanda Sander's friend; Brandon Hill; Archdale/ Patterson family; Dorothy Olson - health - Jane Young's friend; Bob Kennedy - cancer—Howley's friend; Deb - cancer - Sue Volz's sister; Joanna Frost - cancer - Howley's friend; Ben Powers - cancer/heart prob; Liz Noe - med. probs - Amanda Sanders friend; Denise Welch - heart prob - Jennifer Fisher's mom; Carolyn Sneed - liver disease - Marilyn Brown's sister; Theresa Reed - back injury; Janelle & Jennifer - Eleanor Tripp's granddaughters; Ward - Edna Neal's brother; Don Schertz - cancer - Miles; Mignonette Wise; Devon Kepfner - Brooke Wagner's friend; Gary Fitzgerald; Donna Wilcoxon - surg. Recovery / Houter family - husband's leg amputation 6/25 / Brenda Smith & family - husbands job - Cara Fitzgerald's friends/co-workers; Robyn Eaton - Clang's friend; Kyle Lee - Hodgkins lymphoma - WCHS student; Vera Miner - Marlene Robison's sister; Brenda Oedewaldt - back pain; Robin Tessier - Kim Taylor's sister; David Taylor - new job and relocation; Susie Daffron - dementia & Rowan Bartell—her caregiver - Carolyn Blacks mom & sister; silent request - marriage/finances; Jordan Schroeder - cancer - Getz's in-law;

SYMPATHY: Our sympathies go out to Stu Lewellen and family on the death of his mother two weeks ago.

SHUT-INS: Margie Bess - Assist. Living - Snyder Village; Virginia Alig - Snyder Village - Mary Snyder's Mom; Gwen Kubley; Sara Siever - WCSupported Living - Rm#1230; Lucile Post; Juanita McCollum; Gloria Berlett; Louise Thurman - Bob Thurman's mom - WCSupported Living;

