

Our family joined Grace in 1982, two weeks before the congregation moved from the double-wide trailer to what is now Wheelus Hall. Soon after that Barb and I joined the choir. Since then, under all four choir directors, Jerry Jones (no, not that Jerry), Tracy DePue, Kendall Carter and Michael King, I have been a member of the bass section in the sanctuary choir.

Also, when we joined, I had an Apple II computer with a spreadsheet program and I volunteered that I could use this program to prepare financial reports. A personal computer with a spreadsheet was “state of the art” at the time and the offer was accepted. This developed into another area of service, which included time as church treasurer and several years as a member of the finance committee.

This is my story at Grace – nearly 40 years of giving back.

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