

My name is Terri Hall and Dennis, my husband, and I travel in our RV full time. We periodically work for the Kamp Grounds of America (KOA) and our first part time job was here in Weatherford, Texas, working Saturday, Sunday and Mondays. As we traveled the country I attended church regularly and saw many beautiful churches and missions, however, I only attended mass and confession. I never got involved or got to know the parishioners.

When we started work at the KOA, here in Weatherford, I decided, early on, that I would get involved. The bulletin from St. Stephens had all the information I needed about the opportunities to get involved.

I chose to attend the Tuesday morning Bible study class; the Wednesday Yoga class; daily mass Tuesday through Friday; the Catholic Daughters of America; Adult Bible Study on Sundays at 9:30; and finally the jail ministry.

I have been extremely blessed with the friends I have made in each of these groups of women and men. I have shared my journey with them and they have shared theirs with me. And as a result we have grown in Christ. St. Stephens is a very special place to grow in Christ. Everyone has been so welcoming and friendly.

We all have choices in life and the Holy Spirit has directed my choices over the years with morning prayer and meditation; reading and studying scripture; spending time in Adoration and recently, helping to serve in the church where I am most needed.

Finally, I wanted to say a little more about Jail Ministry. At first I was concerned and so was my husband but it was all so easy, getting a TB test and talking with Tony Perez who gave me good information on what to do for the jail ministry. Praying and reading scripture with the men and women at the jail has been so rewarding. They are all like us, they just made bad decisions and need someone to believe in them and minister to them in their time of need. I would encourage all of you to get involved. You don't have to do it all, you could select one thing. If you do, I will guarantee you will be blessed and receive many graces for the time you spend serving others. Remember, life is not a matter of pure pleasure, enjoyment, and comfort. Life is a matter of love, freedom, self-sacrifice and unity. Our Heavenly Father who is not partial has bestowed on each of us immense Time, Talent and Treasures, use them wisely.

Yours in Christ
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