









A Short Biography For:

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**Personal Background:**

I retired 12/31/10 after 25+ years as a Senior Loan Officer for MidAtlantic Farm Credit. Other professional experiences include years as a vocational agriculture teacher, and 6 years in agricultural sales and sales management. Currently I work part-time as a driver for residents at Quarryville Presbyterian Retirement Community. My wife Judy and I have three children and eight grandchildren. We both enjoy time with our families and taking care of 400 rose bushes at home.

**Church Background:**

I was baptized and first received Christ as my Savior at Chestnut Level Presbyterian Church. During my early adulthood, I fellowshipped at Memorial United Methodist Church in Quarryville, where I sang in the choir, served on the Administrative Board and was involved in Lay Witness Team Ministry. I also worshipped at West Willow United Methodist Church near Willow Street, singing in the choir, teaching an adult Sunday School class, and serving on the Administrative Board. For the past 16+ years Judy and I have worshipped at Union Presbyterian Church, and I have had the privilege and blessing of being in the choir, teaching both youth and adult Sunday School classes, serving on Session, chairing two Pastor Nominating Committees as well as the Building Growth Committee. For the past two years I have served Donegal Presbytery on the Finance and Administration Committee.

**My role as a commissioner to General Assembly, and issues facing the PC (USA):**

There continue to be several areas of significance facing the PC (USA) which have been on-going for some time, and it would appear that they will continue to be on-going. In writing about the essential, utter difference between the Christian and the non-Christian; Dr. Lloyd-Jones, former Minister at Westminster Chapel, London states..."As I see things at the present time, the first need in the Church is a clear understanding of this essential difference. It has become blurred; the world has come into the Church and the Church has become worldly. The line is not as distinct as it was. There were times when the distinction was clear cut, and those have always been the greatest eras in the history of the Church. We know, however, the arguments that have been put forward. We have been told that we have to make the Church attractive to the man outside, and the idea is to become as much like him as we can. However, the glory of the gospel is that when the Church is absolutely different from the world, she invariably attracts it. It is then that the world is made to listen to her message, though it may hate it at first. That is how revival comes". We need to become more clear and less blurred. We need to return to the essentials that 'made us different' from the world, and we will become more attractive to the world.

