



Women in God's Service

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

I Peter 4:10



If you haven't registered for the Ladies' Retreat, do it today. Contact Teresa Coffman, 806-6325. The spring ladies' retreat is March 26 and 27 at the Embassy Suites. Be sure to attend because a good time will be had by all!!!

Marjorie Jones

A barbed wire fence is all that stands on the old site of DeNoya, Okla., the birthplace of Marjorie Mae Scott Jones. Marjorie was born to Wallace G. and Gertrude Elsa Scott on May 11, 1926. She had three sisters and two brothers.

Marjorie began her Christian walk at age 14 in 1940. Her conversion stemmed from the conversion of her mother six years earlier. Marjorie's parents were friends of a Hardshell Baptist preacher, Arb Bright, and family. "He really knew his Bible," Marjorie says. After hearing the truth the Brights were converted as was Marjorie's mother a short time later. They had to travel to Braman for the baptisms as the nearest baptistery was there.

Shidler was the main trading and entertainment town of the area. Here Marjorie heard Marshall Keeble, the noted early-day Black preacher. She recalls that either he preached from the back of a pickup or from a wooden platform in front of a grove of trees. She

learned to sing by reading shaped notes at L. O. Sanderson's singing school in Shidler.

Sanderson also preached at Shidler several times.

Marjorie was married to Fines Dillard (Lucky) Jones in 1944. She lost Lucky to cancer in 1993. Two daughters, Sherry and Melody, were born to them. Marjorie is grandmother to six and expects her 12th great-grandchild in December.

The Joneses moved to Tulsa where Marjorie began her Bible class teaching career of more than 50 years. She first assisted in a class at the North Main Street congregation. In Broken Arrow she has taught girls classes, third through sixth grade, but is best known as "Miss Marjorie" of the first grade class. VBS has been very special to Marjorie. For years she scheduled her vacations from work just for VBS. This began back when Broken Arrow had a 10-day Bible school. For a few years Marjorie served as church secretary. In every capacity of church work, Marjorie says, "I loved every minute of it." She is a diligent Bible student and



Hi,
Marjorie
It's good
to know
you!

loves people - always ready with words of encouragement to anyone with a problem, great or small.

Marjorie and Lucky moved from Tulsa to a farm on Lynn Lane in 1950 and raised pigs for three years before moving into town. She doesn't eat pork but notes, "I loved those pigs."

One of Marjorie's prized possessions is a diamond ring that is a 20-year service award that she received at retirement from General Telephone. Prior to her work at GTE she was with the Tulsa County Assessor's office, worked for United Supply and Manufacturing and was a waitress.

Other stops along the Marjorie Memory Lane include a dedication speech at the Pioneer Woman Statue in Ponca City by Oklahoma's favorite son, Will Rogers, when she was four years old and again in later life at the beginning of this century for a cherished Mediterranean Tour to Istanbul, Ephesus, Alexandria, Egypt in North Africa, Athens and other points in Greece. One of the real thrills of the trip for her was that she traveled over areas that Paul's journeyed.

