## REFUGE

Chris grew up in Colerain Township after she and her family moved here from South Dakota. After graduating high school, she met Tim. They married and had a beautiful little girl named Amanda. While looking for a church in which to have Mandy baptized, she found Hope. Happily, as Mandy grew, Chris became active in Sunday School and Hope activities. But, as life happens, there have been some ups and downs in Chris's life (family moving back to South Dakota, difficulties in finding jobs, health issues, family illnesses and deaths). During these times, she feels Hope has been her refuge. There were always kind words from Hope members along with their generosity. Pastors provided support and motivation which inspired her. Just a moment of solace sitting quietly in the sanctuary alone provided her comfort. Members come and go, Pastors move on to other churches, but Chris feels that the spirit of love and comfort always remain at Hope.

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