

STORIES OF FAITH

Connection

Kara Williams is a young wife and busy mother of 5 children. She enjoys attending her children's various sporting events, working with the PTO at the elementary school, and she co-leads a Girl Scout Troop. She loves to run and hike both alone and with her children. She also enjoys reading. She loves to bake and makes cakes and brownies for her loved ones. In 2011 she transferred credits from Cincinnati State and began attending college again and completed her bachelor's and master's degrees. Recently she finished her PhD in 2nd Language Studies at the University of Cincinnati. She teaches as an adjunct instructor at UC, and she teaches ESL classes via Zoom for a foreign company as well.

As a youth Kara went with her family to a conservative church regularly, but after she was confirmed she went mostly at Christmas and Easter. Prior to their marriage and after, she and Alex attended church sporadically, but it didn't feel right. They knew that they wanted a family and when a close friend suggested they come visit at Hope they felt it was a great fit both immediately and for their future needs. They found the people were both a welcoming and caring community. Kara was struggling with her relationship with God and really wanted a church home for their family, and this seemed a good place for their future children to be involved and learn about God. Isaac was born about a year after they started attending Hope and now all 5 of their children were baptized at Hope and 3 have completed confirmation.

Since their membership at Hope, Kara loved helping at Vacation Bible School, and sometimes Sunday School, and is now our administrative assistant. She finds worshiping at Hope very comfortable, and the service each week offers a good reset in her relationship with God. The acceptance of children in an active role in ministry cemented the deal for them, and the feeling that the congregation is family helps Kara and her family stay connected.

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