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MY STORY

It has been almost three years since I officially became a member of Flossmoor Community Church and I must tell you that these years have been some of the most difficult of my life. What has been emphatically proven many times over during this time is that this church community has enabled me to see it all through due to the support and friendship which has been there for me.

After attending services for several months in 2016, my late husband, Ed, and I met with Pastor Fred and Betsy Hanzelin in February of 2017 and committed to become members. That decision turned out to be a much more important decision than I then realized. That very same evening Ed suffered a massive stroke and died ten days later. It was Billie and Skip Houser, Mike Rogers and Jerri Greer who made sure I come to services as coming alone would have been most difficult. Little did I know that many more “bumps in the road” were soon to come.

As many of you may recall, about a year ago my son had a most serious accident and we were not sure if he would survive. While he was still not “out of the woods”, my sister was diagnosed with a malignant tumor on her kidney and then suffered a bowel obstruction which kept us all most concerned for her future health.

My pregnant daughter (actually a step-daughter) but now a big part of my blended family, developed preeclampsia and was induced to give birth to a daughter 6 to 7 weeks premature. Her sister, in the meantime, checked herself into a program for depression not being able to deal with the loss of her father as well as the numerous family difficulties. For weeks I was not sure which hospital I was supposed to visit. Somehow I managed and I believe it is only because of the support and friendship of this church community. The prayers and kind words made me realize I was not alone and never will be and I thank each and every one of you.

And now, another year has passed, and I can report to you that my son has returned to work for several months, my sister lost a kidney but we are told she is cancer free and in reasonably good health. I am now the proud grandmother of a ten month old granddaughter who is very tiny but very alert, active and beautiful, and my daughter has returned to school to finish her career goals and seems to be on her way.

So I now ask you to join with me in supporting Flossmoor Community Church to the best of your ability. This church provides so much to each and every one of us, sustaining and increasing its presence in our community would be an asset to one and all.