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Resume / Curricula Vitae ... the Personal Side
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May 1943 - June 1969

My parents, C.W. and Lois Callaway, started their foreign missionary work with the Christian Church in 1946. This resulted in my being raised in a missionary home in London (1946), Burma (1947), China (1948-1949), and Thailand (1949-1961). My early education was either by correspondence at home or away at a boarding school in Chiangmai and later at Woodstock School in India.

I accepted the Lord as my Savior and was water baptized in the First Christian Church of Canadian, Texas on September 13, 1953 at the age of 10 while we were in the USA on our first furlough.

After four years in the US Navy I focused on getting a college education and graduated from Texas Tech University on May 31, 1969, Cinda Jo Lott and I were married on June 6, 1969 with my father officiating at Washington Avenue Christian Church, Amarillo, Texas and I began my career with Amoco in Chicago on June 16, 1969. Cinda has a masters degree from West Texas State University.

June 1969 – April 1974 – Chicago Area:

Cinda, and I were members of the Christian Church (Independent). Between 1969 and 1972 I served as a Deacon and then as an Elder at the Glen Ellyn, Illinois Christian Church. It was during this period when we started our subscription to New Wine magazine and began listening to teaching tapes by Charles Simpson, Derek Prince, Don Basham, Ern Baxter, Bob Mumford, etc. I became more convinced that Deacons and Elders should do more than decide which color carpets the church buildings should have, etc. Our building program took so much time that as elders we did not have time to minister to those in need of encouragement, including our Minister.

Cinda and I felt the call of God to step out of the "organized" Church in late 1972. From late 1972 until our transfer to London in 1974 we met and fellowshiped with several others in our Wheaton, Illinois home.

We were also active with the monthly Jesus rallies at McCormick Center in Chicago.

May 1974 - February 1975 - London:

We were part of a house Church (Charismatic) in north London. It was during our time in London that both Cinda and I asked the Elders to water baptize us as adults.

March - July 1975 - Manila:

We fellowshiped with several Australian and New Zealand Charismatic missionaries who had started a Worship and Praise center in Manila. You haven't heard real singing until you have been with a group of Filipinos who love the Lord and sing and dance as the Spirit moves them.

August 1975 - June 1978 - Bangkok:

We attended the Evangelical Church of Bangkok (Christian & Missionary Alliance sponsored) where I taught an adult Sunday school class frequently. I also served on the steering committee of the Bangkok Charismatic Group. This group consisted of several missionaries ... mostly Overseas Missionary Fellowship, with some Southern Baptists, Assembly of God, etc ... and business people. About a third of the group were Catholic, mostly nuns, but there were a few priests. We also had fellowship meetings in our Bangkok home, often sharing the Lord's Supper together.

July 1978 - March 1980 - Chicago:

We lived in Glen Ellyn and fellowshiped with the body at Calvary Temple (Assembly of God), where Robert Schmidgall served as pastor. Cinda and I served as one of the zone leaders and had shepherding responsibilities for about thirty members who lived in our area.

April 1980 - April 1981 - Houston:

We attended the Willowbrook Assembly of God Church where I occasionally taught adult Sunday school classes. We lived in the FM 1960 / Stuebner Airline area during this period.

May 1981 – October 1982 – Sharjah:

(one of the seven United Arab Emirates):

We attended the Anglican Church, which was the only English speaking Church in Sharjah. Rev Philip Saywell (Charismatic Anglican Priest) had pastoral responsibilities for both the Dubai and Sharjah congregations and could not be in two places at the same time. When he was in Dubai one of us "laymen" would lead the worship services and I took my turn in the rota. We also had an international worship and fellowship time in our home each Friday ... Sharjah weekend is Friday and Saturday. Several men met Saturday morning for breakfast, prayer and study and there was a strong ladies group which Cinda met with during the week.

November 1982 - December 1986 - Tunis:

We attended the St. George's Anglican Church, which was the only English speaking Protestant Church in Tunis. Rev Dan Sealy, Anglican priest (now retired) was the chaplain. On several occasions I led the worship services and preached. We also had home fellowship meetings each Sunday evening in one of three homes, one of which was our home. I was an active leader of these evening meetings. Several men met Saturday morning for breakfast, prayer and study and there was a strong ladies group who met during the week.

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December 1985 – September 1995 – Katy Area:

We returned from our overseas assignment with Amoco, 1½ years in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates and 3 years in Tunis, Tunisia.

Our move back to Katy (near Houston) was the most difficult of all our moves, especially for our two daughters (Angela, then starting high school and Bethany, then in junior high school) and our son (Joshua, then in elementary school). We moved into a completely different part of the Houston area, since Amoco's international offices moved from the Greenspoint area to the I 10 / Highway 6 area in the spring of 1985.

Immediately upon our return we began looking for a Church home. We visited St Peter's United Methodist, New Hope Presbyterian, Kingsland Baptist, Bear Creek Community, Evangelistic Temple, Bread of Life, West Memorial Baptist (now the Encourager Church) and some others. For various reasons we felt God moving us on. In December, 1986, a year after our return, we visited New Covenant Church West Houston. At that time they were meeting in the Holiday Inn (I-10 at Highway 6) and we felt at home. After visiting for several weeks we joined and became involved in the various aspects of ministry. In July, 1988 my nephew Ben (then 25) was released from the Texas Department of Corrections and came to live with us and became active in NCCWH. I was appointed a deacon in March, 1989 and was charged with the financial and business aspects of NCCWH.

As our three children got into high school we felt the need to become part of a larger church for them. We began attending Kingsland Baptist Church in September, 1989 and placed our membership in January, 1990. We were active in our Sunday school class where I was a co-teacher. I became part of a men's prayer group on Thursday mornings in 1991 and in 1995 I got actively involved with the Men's / Promise Keeper Ministry. Cinda was active with the Katy Christian Women's Club for many years.

October 1995 - December 1996 – Baku:

Cinda and I were on assignment in Baku, Azerbaijan where we attended the Greater Grace Church and were involved with many of the missionaries there. We returned to the Katy area in December 1996 and I accepted early retirement from Amoco in February 1997.

February 1997 – July 2005 – Katy / Brookshire Area:

After my retirement from Amoco we were both active with **The Katy Church** and in 2001 I was a founding member of the **Brookshire Pattison Area Christian Alliance**.

Some areas of involvement were ...

- Served as project consultant for CrossPoint Lutheran and Westland Baptist during their construction projects.
- A frequent volunteer at Katy Christian Ministries, primarily as business and computer consultant.
- Sponsored Katy Men 2000, a one-day men's conference featuring Katy pastors on July 1, 2000 that was attended by 140 men from 39 area churches.
- Coordinated a men's prayer group that began in October 1991 and continues to meet on Thursday mornings at the Omni Hotel West Houston.
- Served on the leadership team for several Promise Keeper Conferences in Houston.
- Served on the board of L.C. Orrick Outreach, Inc and helped locate site for antenna and studio for KQLC-LP Christian Radio 107.9 FM in Pattison.
- Served as board member and secretary of the Indian Oaks Civic Association.

Cinda and I were both active members of Kingsland Baptist Church where I taught an adult Sunday school class and I served on the men's ministry leadership team.

August 2005 – Amarillo:

Initially we attended Paramount Terrace Christian Church; however, when PTCC moved to their new facilities and became Hillside Christian we visited several other Amarillo area churches and in the spring of 2007 we became members of Paramount Baptist Church.

Some of Lelan's areas of involvement are ...

- Board member and secretary / treasurer of the Eagle Tree Homeowners Association

Some of Cinda's areas of involvement are ...

- 2009 Chair for the Amarillo Christian Women's Connection
- Writing letters to inmates for Sharing Hope Ministries

Cinda and I have opened our home to Bible study and share groups since we were first married.

Cinda and I celebrated our 42nd wedding anniversary on June 6, 2011.

Your brother in Christ,
J. Lelan Callaway

And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Col 3:23

And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; 2 Cor 5:18