



Tom & Kathy
Gillson

Tom & Kathy Gillson grew up together in southern Illinois where they were both members of the Vaughn Hill church of Christ in Wood River. They were married in 1969. Tom attended Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and graduated with a degree in Economics and Business. He was offered an opportunity in Houston; so they moved in July 1977 and placed membership with the church in Katy on August 28. Tom and Kathy have three children: Lori Hutson, Jay and Jeremy. The children are married now and serving the Lord faithfully in Round Rock, Texas; Katy, and Searcy, Arkansas, respectively.

Both Tom and Kathy have been active in the teaching program. Kathy teaches in the pre-school program, especially the 4s and 5s, and Tom teaches youth and adult classes.

Tom was appointed a Deacon in 1978. He has served as the Deacon of Youth Activities, Youth Education, Bible Hour, Visitation, and Continuing Education. Tom has served on preacher search committees, and the building selection committee for the first auditorium, now the fellowship hall. Occasionally, you will see Tom in the pulpit at Katy or neighboring congregations which the church in Katy supports through the efforts of the domestic missions program. Kathy has faithfully walked with him in all these efforts. Tom and Kathy have been active in the summer mission VBS activities in Marshfield, Wisconsin; Eagle Pass, Texas; and New Iberia, Louisiana. Tom has directed the efforts of local Teacher workshops and special youth training activities. Tom and Kathy have also been actively involved with retreats at Camp Hensel, Camp Bandina, the Gulf Coast Christian Youth Camp, and with Summer Camp at Bandina. Tom was appointed an Elder in April 2006.

Kathy volunteers as a Team Captain for the Katy-West Houston “Relay for Life” cancer awareness and fund raising campaign in Katy. She is also a mentor for new Team Captains and a member of the registration Committee. She also strives to make the Riverbend “Relay for Life” in southern Illinois each year. She likes reading, walking and spending time with her grandchildren. Tom and Kathy have 8 grandchildren who can grab your heart with a smile. Tom likes hunting, golf and reading. They both enjoy working in their back yard flower gardens, local football games and occasional trips to the theatre.

Tom is employed by Halliburton in the Human Resources IT Support Group. Kathy is an Administrative Office Manager in the Katy Independent School District.

Among their favorite scriptures is I Corinthians 13:13, “...*And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.*”