



# STC 2007 BIO

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I grew up in Godfrey, Illinois, outside of St. Louis. I have one younger brother. We were not exactly best friends growing up, but we are very close now. I accepted Christ as my Savior when I was twelve, shortly after my mother did so. After high school graduation, I left home to attend the University of Evansville, in Evansville, Indiana. A friend of my mother had a sister who lived in Evansville. I was given her contact information in case I got lonely. Of course, being ultra cool and independent, I had no plans to ever contact her. Now I call her "Mom". She took me to a wonderful church. This is where most of my growth as a Christian took place, and where I met my future husband, Pete. I never did get that degree from U of E, but I've had an education of another sort.

Pete and I married in August of 1991, on perhaps the hottest day of the year. Just over three years later we had our first child, and now we have four healthy, happy, and very rowdy boys. (I give up! A girl is just not going to happen.) Jonathan, who will be 13 in February, is doing Core 7, and TT Algebra 1. He is very active in the youth group at church, and enjoys playing video games and baseball. Christian is 10, and is doing Core 4. He loves the St. Louis Cardinals. Hmmm, I wonder where he got that? He also enjoys video games, Lego's, Attaktix and Transformers. David is 7. He is doing Core 1, though he'd much rather be playing with his toys. He pretty much enjoys the same things as Christian. Throw in some cuddle time, and that's David. Preston is my baby. He is 3. He is busy destroying my home. Among his more notable feats: coloring everything, including the windows, bookshelves, television, and Dalmatian with a Sharpie marker (I was not home- Daddy was in charge for that one); swinging from the chandelier (and pulling it out of the ceiling,) and pouring an entire gallon of milk in the middle of my living room. I'll stop there, but trust me when I say he is famous in two states for his antics. He's really very sweet (when he's still) and enjoys his Leap Pad, puzzles, and loves his Build-A-Bears.

I have homeschooled from the very beginning. We have always used Sonlight. I did a lot of research, but couldn't find anything we liked as well. We did send my oldest child to a private school for 6<sup>th</sup> grade- he hated it. His biggest complaint was that the learning was "boring." He is now the biggest advocate for Sonlight in this house. I don't even have to open my mouth- he says it all.

I became a consultant in March of 2006. There was a need for someone to work at our local convention. Once I found out all that was involved, I instant messaged Debbie with about a thousand questions. After she reassured me, and I had spent plenty of time in prayer, I went ahead and applied. I haven't regretted it. Shortly after I received the consultant position, and before my first convention, I was offered the chance to apply for an Advisor position. Obviously I did so, and I love it!

My favorite way to pass time is to read a good book. I also enjoy scrapbooking, though I have less time for that now than I used to. Actually, I enjoy most crafts. My current project is a quilt for my parents. I'm just waiting for my mother to decide on colors.

