

# Attachment 1

Answers to "Share your favorite memory of how the ministry of Settle Memorial has impacted your life and family."

Youth group with Greg Rose

Meeting similar minded people

Our son's wedding in the sanctuary

Both my daughters joined Settle. They had tremendous youth experiences. Our grandson was christened at Settle. I have numerous friend who are also members at Settle. I have attended Sunday School & served on committees involving children & preschool.

Settle has always embraced my family from preschool, Sunday School, weddings...all with a Christian attitude.

I am who I am partly because of Settle Memorial! The music ministry has allowed me to serve and be part of something greater than I could do alone. Mission work has been a significant part of the life of our family. Mission work has open doors for me, it has created challenges, it has made lifelong friends and friends who have become family, mission work has changed me.

Candlelight Christmas services. Providing an educational, worshipful experience for our entire family.

My daughter was in the youth group at Settle. The training she got from Greg Rose was amazing. When she was at an age where she did not think her dad and I knew what we were talking about, Greg was giving sound scriptural advice and guidance. It was the same things we were saying at home, but she listened better when it was coming from another adult. She loved youth group so much that she took many school friends with her on Wednesdays and Sundays. Many of them came back to Settle as adults with their own families.

All three of my sons (now 34, 31 & 28) participated in the preschool Sunday School class when that class was taught by a legion of good and faithful ladies—Janet Land, Jean Kamuf, Norma Lester, Adele & Anne Whitaker, Leslie Carpenter and Lisa Newcom. This experience was most impactful for each of my young sons at a critical time for learning about Jesus and beginning the faith building process. What a blessing for our family!

I received the opportunity to attend the Emmaus Walk at Settle

Was married at Settle.

The community outreach to different social service agencies in the community.

so many -- children's and grandchildren's baptisms, confirmations, marriages. Our Sunday School class. The church services revolving around Christmas and Easter. Whole church dinners at the Executive Inn between Thanksgiving and Christmas. The "healing service" we had when my spouse was first diagnosed

with cancer. The beautiful funeral services for our beloved parents. Settle Memorial UMC is truly the cornerstone of our religious experience.

My family moved to Owensboro in June of 1948. We became members. As a child I had teachers that spoke of what was right and what was wrong. The word was SIN.

Now it seems the church is turning away from scripture and going woke.

It breaks my heart. Our kids were also raised at Settle. They remind me of their friends and fun they had.

small groups and Walk to Emmaus

Traditional organ, handbell and music ministry.

Friendships and the company of good, decent God-fearing people with whom to share our lives has meant a great deal. That also means sharing the good and bad times with each other and upholding each other in times of crisis and stress. A blessing indeed !

My youth group experience at settle was excellent!

Settle has great impact on my life and my family.

Growing up in the church with lifetime friends

It has helped me and my family meet members of the community and enrich our faith journey

The way our Settle family supported us during my husband's long illness and death, and the way they still keep his memory alive today.

The out pouring of support when my mother-in-law passed away and Settle provided the bereavement meal off-site.

The children's ministry at Settle is what has kept me and my family there for so many years. Our girls have been actively involved since before they were in school and now they attend the church camps and mission trips. Keeping young people involved and having a place where the kids want to go is critical for the long term viability of Settle.

It would be impossible for me to single out just one precious memory of being part of Settle's ministry as the memories span the decades. From attending Settle as a KWC student, to being apart of its younger adult ministry and now senior adult ministry, to my son being baptized and confirmed at Settle, to the wonderful Settle friendships through the years, to my husband and I joining Settle as a couple in 2020, and to my journey of spiritual formation through sermons and discipleship studies in small groups; Settle has impacted me!

Watching my

Children grow up in a church family that supported and nurtured them with Christian values.

I have received a lot of support from our congregation during a major surgery and during the loss of a parent. My husband and I have had a lot of good Bible study opportunities in Sunday School and good ministry opportunities through God's Troubadours and the choir.

Costa Rica mission trip 2024, being married and having all three of my children baptized at Settle.

My memories in general within middle & high school youth (youth group, mission trips, etc).

Mission trips to help people who are in need

Costa Rica mission trip. I learned valuable lessons from the people of Costa Rica. They love Jesus unselfishly and strive to honor the Lord in whatever they do. They taught me to live my life as Jesus would.

Any time we have helped serve our community whether at Trunk for Treats, helping at Loucon, or when the youth and JYF have served in different ways.

Ministering with the youth during multiple mission trips.

Open communion

Wednesday night suppers + Roadrunners. Parent's Day out. The youth program and related activities - Loucon, mission trips, pancake breakfasts during Holy Week, etc.

Support the Church has given to the community- outreach

Caused me to read the Bible more!

Youth group

UMYF- Youth ministry comes to mind first. Great leadership and counselors and devoted parent involvement; I have always had great respect for the members of Settle who have always been accepting, encouraging and demonstrating unselfish commitment to the church and each other. Lifelong friendships have been developed here.

Costa Rica Mission Trip

Christening of our first grandchild

Meaningful sermons, friends, music

youth group experiences with our children was outstanding

Meeting fellow members who became friends and who have impacted our community in many positive ways

gathering together for the service in the balcony

Years growing up in youth and now watching my kids get to do the same.

The beginning of Shout was a wonderful additional worship service that our family attended.

Singing in the choir for all these years. Great bunch of people.

Children and Youth programs and their impact on our children.

It's difficult to narrow an answer down to one memory. From confirmations, VBS, backpack programs, mission trips, to the more consistent ministries of worship and fellowship...our family has fond memories all around!

The kind and caring members helped me learn how to be and how to recognize that I am kind and caring to others, and how to exercise my patience and not just behave politely and indifferent with strangers.

Great fellowship with other members

Todd Love came to visit me when my mom passed. At the time, I was new to Settle, but he made me feel as if I'd been part of the family for years and years.

Raising sons at SMUMC

Settle welcomed and embraced our family from the first day we transferred our membership.

This has been our church ever since we've been married.

Settle was there for my grandson and our family when he was in the hospital with a staph infection. The visits and prayers meant so much to all of us.

Before we joined the church and lived in Lexington, ladies at the church held a wedding shower for my wife as we were getting married at Settle.

UMYF and Youth Choir

Trips to build our sister church in Czech Republic

Mission trips hold favorite memories for me and serving others through those trips and work projects enrich my life.

Too many to count. Probably a mission trip in high school

Raising our boys at Settle and being involved in helping teach Sunday school was always a cherished time.

My entire youth is made up of memories from Settle and truly shaped my life and who I am today- youth group, camp Loucon, mission trips, church picnics, Sunday school, traditional service, and the forever church family.

After my mom passed in Feb. 2020, I received the booklets from the Stephen Ministry to help deal with grief.

Settle was a great positive influence on my daughter growing up. Jim Keegan had been with my family during some times of loss and is a wonderful counselor. I have positive memories of every pastor who has been here during my membership...Todd, Keith, Jim, Mark...

Watching my children growing and developing a love of Christ through the various ministries our church offered

Youth ministry/mission trips/worship team/VBS/camp...gaining confidence in serving/leading for the Lord

The strong Youth Group led by Greg Rose helped guide children during a critical time in their lives. I would love to see Settle return to having a strong Youth program. Not providing funding for a full-time Youth Minister, has the appearance that Youth are not critical to Settle. The argument of "not enough Youth to support a full-time minister" is shallow. If we have a great program, we will have an abundance of Youth.

Additionally, mission programs give opportunity for us to serve those in need.

The church family are caring people and supportive. So much love in this church for me and my daughters.

Many precious memories

The Christmas season is always very special at Settle.

Settle has been at the center of my Christian life, and most of my friends are Christians met through Settle

Being in the Youth Group

My first few Sundays/weeks at Settle. Everyone was very welcoming and greeted everyone with open arms.

daughters wedding many years ago, friendships formed and maintained, enjoyed cooking on Wednesday for lots of years,

Many memories of being reminded of who God is and what he does to sustain me each and every day.

One of my favorite ministries is Settle's outstanding Children's Department and annual Vacation Bible School. For about six years I was able to be a part of it and bring my grandson. It was so special being able to share that week of activities with him. It is a huge endeavor of time, expense, planning and execution but the number of lives impacted by the experience makes it all worth it.

My children and grandchildren have been baptized at Settle. Settle has been a big part of our family.

My favorite memories are attending Sunday School in the top most room (now closed off) of the church in the late 1980s and early 90s, getting to hear Diane play every Sunday morning was such a special blessing and the Tuesday Tunes during Covid were just the right inspiration to get me through the week.

Singing Silent Night during the candle light service

An active member of the youth (MYF) throughout that period of my life. Camp Loucon, choir tours, Sunday night programs

The youth ministry was an amazing experience for me. Truly helped my pursuit of Jesus

Support during life's difficult moments

I was really touched by both Chris and Cindy's leadership in the contemporary service- they are why we continued going. We look forward to the new changes to come with both Chris and Cindy being gone.

The missions which has Settle is involved with.

Baptism of children and grandchildren

Settle has provided a home for our family.

The love and support of the congregation.

Hanging of the Greens

When you have been a member for 35+ years, there are many favorite memories. Most of those memories center around our children (now adults). Preschool for all 3 children brought great memories. Sunday School, Wednesday nights, kid's choir, handbells, youth group and missions trips bring many precious memories to mind. Seekers (35+ years), Wed night small groups and the many mission events we have sponsored over the years are lasting memories. One that sticks out in my mind forever, after the loss of our twins the outreach from our church family and Tom Grieb not only during the loss but afterwards. Shortly afterwards our church offered a grief support group for those struggling and it was led by Marianne Smith. I will never forget this outreach and how much being in this group helped us move on.

Settle has been a large part of the fabric of our family. Settle is the first (and only) church my spouse and I joined after getting married and we have raised our 3 boys at Settle. The influence of our members on us and our family has been instrumental in our lives. Settle is a special place to me and the quality, openness, and spiritual maturity of our membership has been a blessing to help me grow spiritually, as has the mentorship that has been provided to me.

Baptism of babies, Children's programs and Youth activities. Choir every Sunday, Special Music!

The welcome our family received when we moved to Owensboro was genuine and authentic. We were regularly greeted when we began attending and we quickly felt at home.

All the wonderful memories with the children's and youth ministry and seeing the faith of my children grow.

The Settle Congregation has been the foundation of the spiritual journey of our family.

Working with youth

Too many to choose a favorite: adult mission trips, youth mission trips, VBS, Sunday School class

Traditional worship and preaching

Being involved with helping the children and middle school/highschool youth

Community outreach/helping others