

# New Team Member Begins Ministry Assignment

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*"I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church in Cencrea.*

*<sup>2</sup> I ask you to*

*receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints*

*and to give her any help she may need from you,*

*for she has been a great help to many people, including me."*

*Rom 16:1-2 NIV*

I've asked our new team member to introduce herself to you in this addition of New Life News. Susan (Anderson) has been a member of New Life for 20 years, and has faithfully served with her husband, Kelvin, in a number of capacities. I quoted the scripture reference above because of the tone of Paul's introduction of a Ministry Partner named, Phoebe. Paul desired that the church warmly receive Phoebe, and give to her the support she deserved to fulfill her ministry of service to the church. In that same spirit, I commend Susan to you as our newest team member. She will serve along side of me and Sharon Cregger fulfilling a number of administrative and pastoral responsibilities. One of the main goals in asking her to serve with us is to help us develop structure that will facilitate an every-member-a-minister philosophy of doing church. Another way of saying this is that we want to fulfill the Biblical mandate to do church as a team, *"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it"* (1Cor 12:27 NIV).

We will be having a time of commissioning prayer during a Sunday morning service in June. Please welcome her, and pray for our team as we fine-tune task lists and responsibilities.

-Pastor Dave

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those of you who don't know me. I'm Susan Anderson and I've been attending New Life for the past 20 years and ministering mostly with the youth. After spending those years in the secular work force, I've been given the privilege of supporting Pastor Dave and the office staff.

I was born and have lived in Frederick except for attending college at the University of Virginia. Although Kelvin and I went to high school together, it was at UVA that we began to deepen our friendship through the FCA ministry and we ended up dating for 8 years before we got married. I had always gone to a Presbyterian church growing up and received Christ as a teenager. When it came time to get married, we knew that we wanted a solid church where the Word was taught and, since Kelvin had been working with the youth at New Life, this was where we made our connection. When we returned from our honeymoon, we were asked to take a leadership role in the youth ministry and we have been blessed to pursue our passion for youth ever since.

We have three awesome sons: Jordan, Cameron and Micah who make us laugh and who are becoming strong and faithful in the Lord. I love all the football and lacrosse games and even most of the wrestling matches in the family room.

I had always worked in an administrative capacity for small companies and felt purposeful. However, in the past year, a change in the management of our company brought a change in our work climate and I began to feel that the world was impacting me more than I was impacting it. I felt that God had given me the grace to get up every morning and I was wasting those days pushing paper not touching people. I finally got up the nerve to approach Pastor Dave with the crazy, hair-brained idea that he should hire me. I wanted to make ministry my job and utilize my administrative gifts in a new arena. At the same time, Pastor Dave was changing some responsibilities for the staff and was creating this great position. I feel so blessed and so grateful to be here, working with these people and being a part of seeing Jesus move in our church and in our community.

-Susan Anderson