

PAUL KINGSBURY BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY/RESUME/TESTIMONY

Paul and Dianne Kingsbury

5718 Weymouth Drive

Rockford, IL 61114 drpaulkingsbury@gmail.com 779-207-2109

Date of Birth: June 28, 1953 www.paulkingsbury.org and www.restorationcareministries.com

God sent me into this world on the 28th day of June in 1953 into the home of Richard and Bonnie Kingsbury. Both of my parents were saved, baptized and active members and servers in Bethel Baptist Church located in Kalamazoo, Michigan, USA. I have two sisters and one brother and our birth order began with Barbara and then I was born and then Marsha and Richard. Mother was a stay at home mom and dad built houses and then worked for Kalamazoo county and finished a lengthy career in management at our area waste water treatment plant. Dad and Mom loved and served the Lord; one another; our family; church and community. They were exceptional parents and our home was always secure and our father led quietly for the most part but with a good blend of firmness and gentleness. Mother did likewise.

SALVATION

I came to know Christ as personal Savior on the third Sunday evening of March in 1959. I was saved at home following the Sunday evening service where our pastor, Dr. Nicholas Weins, preached a message on hell. My parents led me to Christ at my bedside. I was baptized approximately four years later. Church was always a vital and regular part of our lives and this has continued unto this day. Every service was attended except on those rare occasions when illness would prevent attendance to the house of the Lord. This also is still true today.

CHURCH BACKGROUND

Specifically, I have attended and served in four churches in my lifetime.

1. Bethel Baptist Church in Kalamazoo. 1953 - 1969

From birth until my mid teens our family attended and were members of Bethel Baptist Church. The church was Independent, Fundamental, Evangelistic and Compassionate. Dr. Weins and then Dr. Mark Jackson were my pastors. Our Sunday School averaged over 1500 and the ministry was extremely blessed by God.

2. Berean Baptist Church in Kalamazoo/Portage 1969 - 1972

In 1969 our downtown church started another church on the outskirts of the city and the pastor invited my parents to join the effort and so we became members of Berean Baptist Church in Portage, Michigan where I attended until going to Bible College in the fall of 1971. Our pastor was a church planter and he was a dear mentor in my life. His name is Arwyn Reish. He, along with Dr. Weins and Pastor Jackson are with the Lord now. It was at Berean where I learned to win souls and it was there that I surrendered my life to serve the Lord anywhere and in any capacity He deemed fitting for me. I led my first soul to the Lord Jesus and began preaching at the local rescue mission and county jail soon after yielding my life (Romans 12:1 and 2). The year was 1969 and I was 16 years old.

3. North Love Baptist Church in Rockford, Illinois 1972 – 2021

I graduated from public high school in 1971 and, following a meeting with the pastor and my parents, I enrolled in Maranatha Baptist Bible College in Watertown, Wisconsin. I drove my 1962 Buick Le Sabre to campus in late August or early September of that year. Soon after beginning academic classes I became a mechanic/attendant at a Mobil Service station in Watertown; working there throughout the next three years and my freshmen, sophomore and junior years of college ministerial training. God enabled me to carry a full load academically and work at Don's Mobil and to become active in a local church too. Busy days and nights but absolutely wonderful! Two weeks into college in the fall of 1971 I

met Gary Hoffman. He was a new Christian and from Rockford Illinois. He had been a hippie six weeks earlier but God saved him through the caring soulwinners at North Love and it was through Gary that I began to attend and eventually joined North Love. Membership in that great assembly of believers lasted nearly fifty years! The sequence of events is as follows.

In the late fall of 1971 I visited NLBC with Gary and was taken back by the excitement of the preacher and the small yet enthusiastic congregation of approximately one hundred people. Their pastor, James Alley, had arrived in Rockford in 1969 following seminary training at Tennessee Temple in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Pastor Alley already had a degree in pharmacology and had been a deacon in a church in Memphis, Tennessee before being called into the ministry. And he was a ball of fire for God!

My previous pastors were wonderful and godly men and church services were somewhat quieter and subdued. This man, however, was energetic and exciting and loved the Lord and people and his southern drawl and Spirit filled instruction from Scripture won my heart and it was not long before North Love became my third church home and Dr. James Alley became my fourth Pastor.

On a typical Saturday afternoon I would arrive in Rockford after work and the dear folks opened their homes up to me for lodging and food and fellowship. We started a bus ministry and, along with Junior church and preaching in the nursing homes and going on activities with the teens, my life was extremely busy. I loved it!

Following marriage (more on that in a minute) my wife, Dianne and I were called to serve at North Love where I became the youth pastor and served in that capacity from the third Sunday in August of 1974 until the third Sunday of 1982 when the congregation voted me in as the senior pastor. It was my delight and honor to shepherd the flock at North Love a total of 47 years exactly and 50 years in membership.

4. Faith Baptist Church in Belvidere, Illinois 2021 – Present

My dear wife and I now serve the Lord under the leadership of Pastor Jeremy Weary in nearby Belvidere Illinois. Since the Lord has called me to now travel as an itinerant evangelist/missionary our time there is limited, however, we are always faithful in attendance when home and in serving and, of course, giving of our tithes and offerings, Both Dianne and I are actively engaged in discipling new believers on a personal basis.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

I married my “childhood” sweetheart and that is not an exaggeration. Dianne Marie Clapp and I met in the nurseries of Bethel Baptist Church! We do not remember this, of course, however, her parents and mine were active in serving the Lord and thus she and I have been in the same churches and under the same pastors and similar homes.

Dianne is one of three children born to Alan and Irene Clapp. She is Dutch and her grandparents immigrated from Holland to southwestern Michigan one hundred years ago. Her family has established an amazing legacy of Christlikeness for six generations which includes our 19 grandchildren among the more than 200 close relatives that have come from the original settlers. My bride's testimony is without blemish and her faith and faithfulness, modesty and humility, work and frugality, mercy and truth are an amazing blessing to me and to our children and she has been, and continues to impact countless other women to love God and love people. She is absolutely unselfish and always kind and gentle and she is my very best friend.

Dianne was born January 25, 1955 and born again in 1961. Her brother David was my best friend growing up and he also became a preacher and pastor. Dianne also surrendered her life to serve the Lord and her parents sent her to Tennessee Temple College after high school. After her freshman year we became husband and wife and moved to Rockford and to North Love. We have eight children; Jason, Joel, Joy, Julie, Jennifer, Janelle, Jodi and Justin. Only Justin and Janelle are unmarried. Each of our offspring have received Christ as Saviour; and have been faithfully trained and have served with us in ministry. We have been extremely blessed with a harmonious relationship with each of them and they get along with one another with a sweetness that is beyond description. Praise the Lord.

One of our children, Janelle, is mentally and physically impaired and her mother cares for her in our home. Janelle is 35 years of age and nearly blind and has the understanding of a small child. She is our “gift from God”. This is the meaning of her name.

Our family dynamics also included assisting in the training of four children born to Dianne’s brother David and his wife Mary. Both parents had cancer and the father died in 1996 and his wife passed away in 1998. Their three sons and one daughter then joined our family of ten and they too are productive adults who have gone on to love the Lord and to serve Him and others with grace and mercy. We are honored that John, Josh, Joey and Elizabeth were sent our way.

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

I have always and continue to remain an independent Baptist. I have friends in and have spoken in the conferences of various IFB fellowships but I do not belong to one particular “camp”. After marriage and becoming the youth pastor at North Love in 1974, my wife and I completed our college training, travelling back and forth to Hyles Anderson College for three semesters and I graduated with a BS degree in pastoral studies in 1976.

Ambassador Baptist College and West Coast Baptist Bible College have graciously given to me doctorates of divinity for which I am grateful. Dr. Ron Comfort and Dr. Paul Chappell have been and remain good friends in ministry.

Over the years God has allowed me to lead the teens, children and bus ministries at NLBC during my tenure as youth pastor. The work was significantly blessed by the Lord. The transition into the senior pastorate came in 1982 as our pastor and my mentor, Dr. Alley, was called to pastor in Lynchburg, Virginia. The church asked me to be the interim pastor and after three months and no candidates being asked to come in, the dear folk voted overwhelmingly for me to become their pastor. I was only 29 but the Lord was in it and I had been in membership there for eleven years.

From August of 1982 until August 2021 I had the blessing of being the Senior Pastor of North Love Baptist Church (NLBC) and the ministry grew spiritually, numerically and economically and God gave us a private Christian School, Bible College and an addictions recovery program that included the founding of chapters in many countries along with opening residential treatment centers under the direction of local NT Baptist churches in the US and other countries. RU Recovery began in our church in 1996 following an amazing sequence of events that restored a young man whom I had pastored in his youth but who had been caught up in various snares of the devil until Christ made him free and gave him a burden to assist others. It was an amazing journey that took me across the US and to many foreign countries to preach and teach God’s principles for victory and freedom from those sins which do so easily beset us.

August 2021 until the present

In the spring of 2021 I was diagnosed with cancer and scheduled for the removal of my prostate in the fall at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. However, in August of that same year my wife was diagnosed with colon cancer and underwent surgery to have a portion of her colon removed and the prospects for her survival were very poor. After prayer and seeking the Lord’s direction, I retired from pastoring to care for my wife and our handicapped adult daughter and my surgery was postponed until the end of October. Remarkably, my wife was healed by God and has no cancer. On a side note, colon cancer runs in the family. Dianne’s brother died of colon cancer at an early age; her mother died of colon cancer and our oldest son suffered with and was healed of colon cancer.

My procedure went well and I was released to return to travel and preach in late December of 2021. Dianne and I now travel at least one week of each month together to various locations as God opens the doors for us to speak (I do the preaching) and encourage the brethren and seek to win the lost and to restore those who once served Christ but have been overtaken in a fault as Galatians 6:1 mentions. Recently I have partnered with other preachers and businessmen in establishing an online and in person ministry of helps called “Restoration Care Ministries” and I am taking the seventeen books I have written and making them available through video courses as God provides both the time and the money to do so. Three Sundays and two weeks of each month as the Lord opens up doors He takes me across the US and to Canada and beyond bringing God’s message of hope and healing. It’s a wonderful life!

Dr. Paul Kingsbury

