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Frazier, one full ce Advocate

ne of Hardin Valley's fiercest and most passionate advocates is not a native, but could scarcely love her community more.

Kim Frazier, co-founder of Hardin Valley Planning Advocates, is devoted to her "adopted" region as evidenced by her tireless volunteer efforts on its behalf, from helping navigate tricky zoning proposals and promoting roadside cleanups to raising funds for scholarships at Hardin Valley Academy and meeting with state and local elected officials to better plan growth strategies.

While long a supportive community cheerleader, it has only been in recent years that the Huntsville, Alabama native's passion and purpose have come into sharp focus.

"Every experience I have ever had led me to where I am today," said Frazier, who has called Hardin Valley home since 1996 when she married Farragut native Dr. Russ Frazier. They settled into the community, building their dream home and welcoming two sons, Jackson and Maddox.

Every day of the week — along with some nights and weekends — Frazier concentrates on enhancing her circle from the inside out, beginning with morning devotionals and prayer as soon as her 6:30 a.m. alarm rings.

"Walking in faith and exercising my spiritual thought life is my No. 1 priority," she said. "I finally realized, instead of asking 'What is my purpose?' I need to be asking, 'What is God's purpose for my life?'

"If my heart and head aren't in alignment with what is important and matters to God, then I couldn't do, and wouldn't want to do any of it."

She scans local news, checks e-mails and finalizes her 'to do' list for the day, then shifts into "mom mode," making breakfast for Russ and their sons, conversing about the day ahead, helping pack lunches and seeing her family off into the world by 7:45 a.m. Russ works at Methodist Medical Center in Oak Ridge, while Maddox and Jackson attend Hardin Valley

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Kim Frazier in a recent family photograph with her husband, Dr. Russ Frazier, and their sons Jackson, right, and Maddox.

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Academy.

Switching gears easily to tackle an assortment of community issues, Frazier then responds to e-mails, messages and texts and follows up with citizen concerns, which vary depending on the day.

A background in business, personnel management and non-profit development formed a professional foundation for Frazier's advocacy work.

In addition to HVPA, Frazier is vice chair of Knox County Ethics committee (a mayoral appointment); is on the board of directors for the Hardin Valley Academy Foundation; is a founding member of Hardin Valley Business and Community Alliance; organized the Knox County Planning Alliance in 2019; was instrumental in helping fast track the process to

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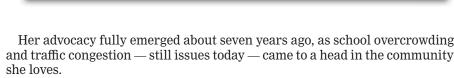
~ Kim Frazier

fund and build both Hardin Valley and Gibbs middle schools (simultaneously securing a place on the county's five-year capital plan for the new Northwest Elementary School); and was selected as an "emerging leader" by Knox County Community Action Committee.

Not only is Frazier a leader, but collaboration and connectivity are among her defining qualities.

"I like connecting people," she said. "I know my strengths and weaknesses, and more importantly, I know how important it is to surround yourself with folks who have varying perspectives in addition to those who are like-minded.

"And what I do on an almost daily basis is 'bring everyone to the table," she added. "Start discussions, figure out the 'what, why, where when and how,' and then encourage everyone to help guide the process to find the best possible outcome. To do that, you need all kinds of people. As one of my good friends and mentors says, 'My table is wide, and long and has a seat for everyone."



Massive regional growth, along with the lack of a comprehensive growth plan, really set Frazier on her current path — one that she has decided also will include running for one of the At-Large Knox County Commission seats in 2022.

"I'm not afraid to ask questions," she said. "It's what I do on a daily basis." Other causes have captured Frazier's heart, too, including Paws and Badges, a non-profit which unites service dogs with first responders and veterans struggling with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and Knox County Rescue, the emergency rescue organization for which Russ also serves as chief.

Her advocacy for Paws and Badges specifically came about through a rare childhood trauma, in which she suffered horrific head and ear injuries from an inexplicable dog mauling when she was just 4 years old.

"It caused PSTD," she said softly. "So I know what that is like, but it also steered me to get a dog, to overcome my fears."

A brief lunch break might include a short run before tackling Zoom calls (key during COVID-19), such as a recent presentation to The Rotary Club of

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Frazier

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Farragut, along with content review for Knox County Planning's website, then other calls and process evaluations before picking up her sons from school at 3:15 p.m.

More brief in-person meetings might follow until she begins her nightly routine, including making dinner for and spending time with her family before a nightly devotional, reading and bedtime shortly after 10 p.m. to re-energize for another day's full slate.

Family is Frazier's cornerstone, from her parents and sister to her husband and children and extended family members.

Her weekends are usually spent supporting her sons' band, Solstice, which they formed with three friends more than a year ago, and has since been playing around the region, and even as far away as the Florida Gulf Coast.

"My family is my world," she said, noting fertility issues plagued the couple before they were finally able to conceive their "miracle" babies. That understanding makes her keenly empathetic to many peripheral causes, including serving on the Board of Directors for The Restoration House, which helps single mother families find "God's good intent for their lives."

She describes her own childhood

as "idyllic" and filled with love and encouragement.

Not long ago, Frazier shared her fa-

ther's outlook, which has guided her in many endeavors.

"I never understood why saying 'yes' to be a part of so many conversations, committees, boards and community groups came so easily for me, except I know I say 'Yes,' because my dad taught me that if I didn't like the way something was being done, don't stand back – step up," she said.

"That doesn't mean say 'Yes' because you can do things better...it means say 'Yes' to be a part of making things better. And there is always room for that."

Also, she noted, "I've watched my husband serve in various capacities, and I think that shared love of 'service' is truly why God brought us together."

It's also important for both Frazier and her husband to lead by example for their children.

"Serving others is the most important way you can share your giftings," she said,
Wise words from her late father-

in-law, Dr. Robert Frazier — Farragut Intermediate School's long-time principal for three decades before his suddenly passing 15 years ago — also resonate.

"As an educator, he learned that

a child determines their worth and value by the way you greet them," she recalled. "Everyone deserves to feel like they are the most important person in the room.

"You can apply that to everyone."

Her 'why' expanded in recent

weeks with the decision to run for County Commission.

"For the last seven years, I have been bringing awareness to both the basic, fundamental needs of our citizens, and the need to better some of the processes in local government that directly impact communities," she said.

"And, through the years, I've struggled with what is God's purpose for

me in all of this, and then a few weeks ago it just clicked. I have gained so much knowledge and a deeper understanding of what our county can and can not do – I call them capabilities and limitations," Frazier added.

"I have had the hard conversations – I have asked the questions – I've facilitated relationships. I've put in hundreds, if not thousands, of hours learning about the structure and culture of local government and what I can do as a citizen to advance and bring awareness to the needs of communities.

Her decision "was a very organic one, a tough one – probably one of the toughest in my life, but an authentic step," she said.

"Sometimes we are called to do what we are already doing, but with greater purpose and on a bigger platform," Frazier added. "I'm just pressing in to what many have asked me to do over the years, and I would be humbled to represent them."

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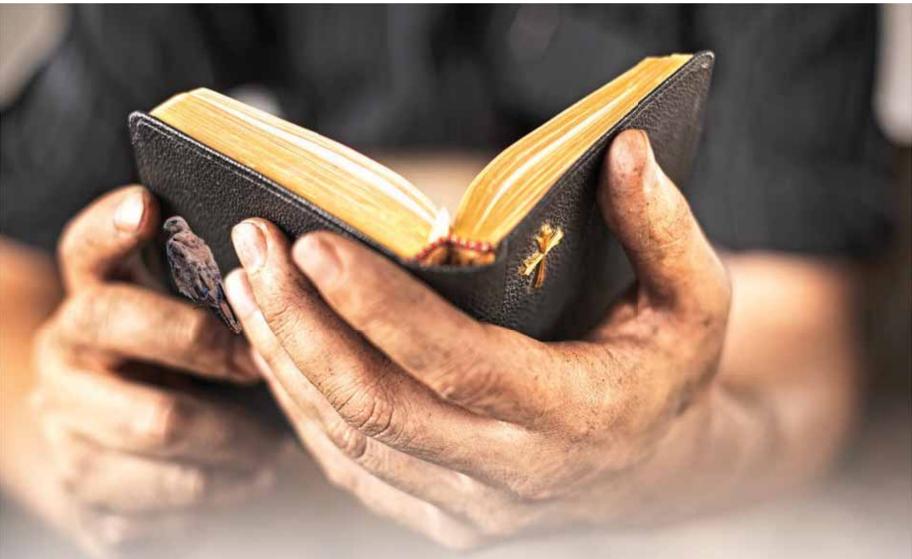


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The Lord's direction

Hubbard, wife, find healing, love of history in Hardin Valley

he Good Lord had a big multiplier in mind concerning the Rev. Don Hubbard's tenure as a pastor in the Hardin Valley area. Being "just a few days late" to register for classes, in pursuit of a masters degree in history at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, changed this Western Kentucky native's life path in the mid-1960s.

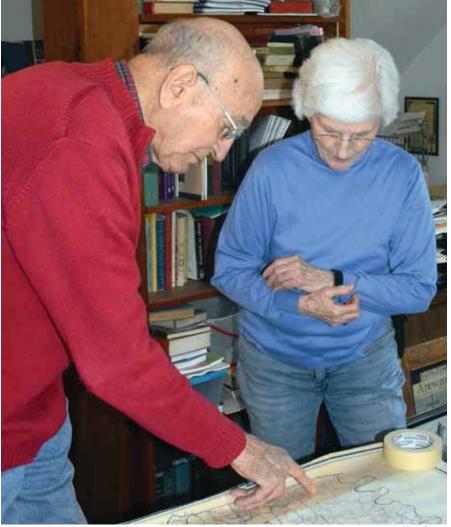
As a result, settling for a master's degree program at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Don and wife, Jane Hubbard, made their second trek to West Knox County in less than 10 years. "I knew I could get into the University of Tennessee, I had already been accepted," he said.

Asked to pastor a church on the northwestern end of Valley, Don originally promised he'd serve only one year in that capacity.

However, upon his return to West Knox County and the couple setting in Hardin Valley in 1965, "35 years later I retired as pastor of Marietta Cumberland Presbyterian Church," Don said. "... I decided the Lord was trying to tell me something."

Though saying his two years as pastor at a church in Clarksville during the early-to-mid 1960s "was not a good experience," that was anything but the

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Alan Sloan

Don and Jane Hubbard of Hardin Valley look for various communities within the Valley on a 1945 map of Knox County, which is located upstairs in their home near North Campbell Station Road.

Hubbard

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case as pastor at Marietta.

"There was some healing I needed to (go through), and the Marietta

church was a healing church." Don

Overall, "I fell in love with the area when I first came out here," Don said.

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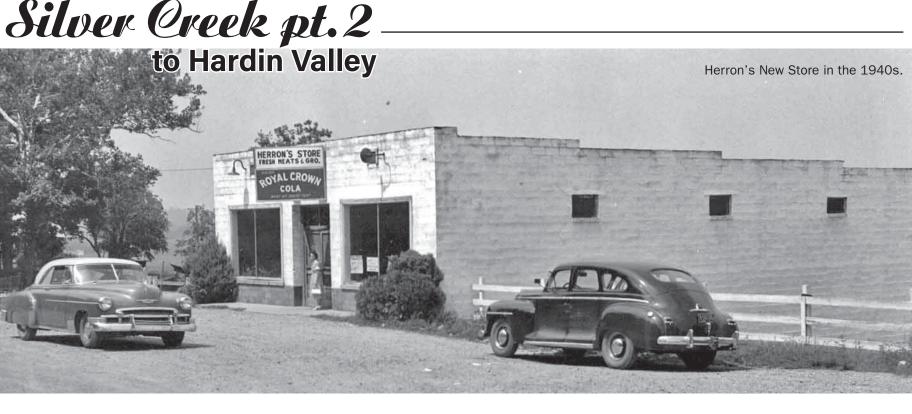
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Hickory Creek/Marietta, Stoney Point/Mill Town

In the development of three communities within Hardin Valley, two were located in the extreme western end of the Valley: Hickory Creek, "the most western, right on the Loudon County line" according to Valley historian and retired pastor Don Hubbard, and Stoney Point, aka Mill Town.

The third simply was known as Hardin Valley.

Concerning "the characteristics of the three communities, each community had a school, it had stores and other places of business," he said.

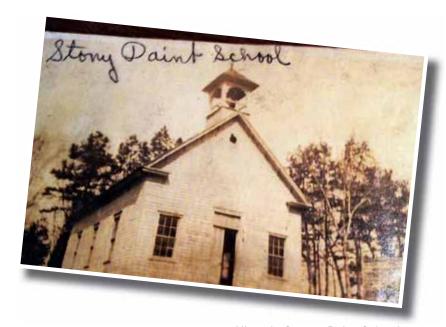
Hubbard focuses on two of those communities in this story.

Hickory Creek/Marietta

"I'm not sure which one was first; probably Hickory Creek," the local historian said.

The Valley's first church, a Baptist church, "rotated (its name) back and forth between Hickory Creek Church and Mt. Pleasant," the local historian said about its founding in 1802.

"Marietta Cumberland Presbyterian Church, organized in 1838, the second



Historic Stoney Point School

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For Hardin Valley State Farm Agent Sage Kohler, preserving local history is as important as serving the community to the best of her abilities.

Kohler recently purchased the old Gallaher family house on Hardin Valley Road. The house dates back to the 1800's with some additions tacked on in later decades. Kohler will be using the house as an office, but also wants to use the space as a way to preserve precious Hardin Valley history.

Kohler is well underway with some remodeling like replacing floors, painting and making sure the building is up to code for commercial use. She will, however, be keeping certain aspects of the house's history intact by using slate floors and refurbishing the original fireplace in the house.

While Kohler does have some documents and photos of the house in its younger years, she's asking the Hardin Valley community to help out by bringing forward any photos or stories people may have of the house. She's hoping for photos as old as possible in order to frame them and decorate the house with its own history.



Kohler

"One of the reasons that I wanted this building when it came for sale is that to me the whole idea of being a State Farm agent is being a good neighbor, our tagline," Kohler said. "I think when we can come in and take something, bring it back, that's being a good neighbor."

Kohler has found an interest in the house and wants to share that interest with neighbors.

As the State Farm agent of Hardin Valley, I'm trying to be a good neighbor by bringing back something that was once beautiful and part of our history and making it function well in the community, and so that's kind of what my goal is, my commitment to Hardin Valley," Kohler said.

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Silver Creek

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church organized in the Valley, was also in the same community near the mouth of Hickory Creek," Hubbard stated within the pages of his historical review of the Valley. "The original site of the Marietta Church is now under the waters of Melton Hill Lake."

Hickory Creek, in fact, "was originally known as 'Marietta," said Hubbard, having served as pastor of Marietta Cumberland Presbyterian Church in the Valley from 1965 through 2000.

"That's probably when Marietta Church got its name."

Moreover, "A genealogy of the Peter Holt family, who lived in the community, listed the death of both Peter and his son, Joel Holt, as occurring at Marietta, Tennessee," his review further stated. "A letter sent home from a Civil War soldier living in the community spoke of 'leaving Marietta' when he left for Nashville and, ultimately, the Battle of Franklin."

As for businesses in Hickory Creek/Marietta, there were "the

Hedgcock Store ... along with the Hope Grist Mill," Hubbard stated. "There may have been a ferry located on the Clinch River at Hickory Creek. A Knox County Court minute, dated July 1832, noted that a license for 'ferry on Clinch River' was granted to Joel Holt. The entry also noted, 'Built ferry on Clinch River on his farm.'

"Graybeal School was later located nearby on Buttermilk Road," he added.

The store, mill and first Marietta Church location "are now under the waters of Melton Hill Lake," Hubbard stated.

"The Hickory Creek Cemetery was the first community cemetery in the Valley. It was established in 1801. ... According to tradition, Col. Joseph Hardin (whose family were the first settlers in the Valley in the late 1700s) was the first to be buried there."

Mill Town/Stoney Point

Stoney Point "was where Connor Creek emptied into the river," Hubbard said, adding in his review this was "close to the present day junction of East Gallaher Ferry and Couch Mill roads.

"They had the ferry there. ... They

had a gristmill down there; it was known as Connor Mill at first; then Amos Hardin bought a share into it, so it became known as Hardin Mill," he added. "... Later, Thomas G. Hendrix obtained the mill and it became known as Hendrix Mill."

As for retail business, "Herman Herron and his wife, Myrtle, operated a grocery store in the community," he stated in the review. "Herman also started a business of slaughtering beef cattle one at a time and selling the meat locally."

As for transportation, "Sometime between 1840 and 1856, Bill Taylor and his wife, Elizabeth, who lived just across the Clinch River, built a ferry boat and operated the Taylor Ferry until he died," Hubbard's review stated, as obtained from a Nov. 1, 1979 Knoxville Journal story. "The ferry then became Doughty Ferry, and in later years it became Gallaher Ferry. ... For many years, Mr. Hodge Crawford operated the ferry.

"... The ferry closed when Oak Ridge was established."

As for worship and schooling, "In 1915, Stoney Point Church was built on land obtained from Mr. William Aycock, who operated a blacksmith shop on East Gallaher Ferry," his review stated. "Conner Creek School (later known as Stoney Point) was located near the ferry," Hubbard added. "Charlie Christian operated a tannery up on Hickory Creek Road just west of the intersection of East Gallaher Ferry and Hickory Creek roads."

Hubbard's review states Mill Town "was a lively place, particularly during Prohibition when moonshiners ran rampant. Hodge Crawford, who operated the ferry, told of ferrying wagon and truckloads of moonshine from Anderson County headed to Knoxville.

"... Aunt Della Hardin tells of losing fruit jars. 'I knew who was getting them,' she told me," he added in the review. "So I went and told him that his moonshining was his business, but the fruit jars was (sic) my business. ... I didn't loose any more jars."

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Kids Corner



Solstice Forging their own path

fter nearly two years, members of local band Solstice have forged lifelong bonds and began forging their own path in music.

The band is comprised of five local teens ranging in ages between 15

and 17. Marty Gee, Maddox Frazier, Grayson Strader, Jackson Frazier and Jacob Greene got together under unlikely circumstances.

Gee was already in a band with a show booked. His previous bandmates couldn't make it to the show, except for the drummer. Luckily, his parents knew Kim and Russ Frazier whose sons were also talented musicians. From there, other parents were called, bringing together today's Solstice. Later, Strader was added as the drummer.

The band's first practice was June 21, 2020, during the summer solstice, hence the band's name. It was the first time they had all been in a room together. They knew from the start they wanted to be in a band together. Since then, the five have been like family to each other.

Solstice's main three genres are indie, rock and blues. Their primary influences are Lynyrd Skynyrd, B.B. King, Stevie Ray Vaughan, John Mayer and Jimi Hendrix. Solstice describes their sound as a collaboration of all their favorite artists. Their sound may vary depending on their mood. Sometimes it's a little more country; sometimes it's a little more blues.

The band recently landed a gig in Santa Rosa Beach, Fla. and was invited to perform again. They typically perform around the Knoxville and Oak Ridge areas.

Right now, band members said they are going with the flow and having a good time whether or not they make it big. They cherish the brotherhood performing has brought them and the passion they all share. They're not sure what the future holds, but they're focusing on working hard on their music and hope to continue performing through college.







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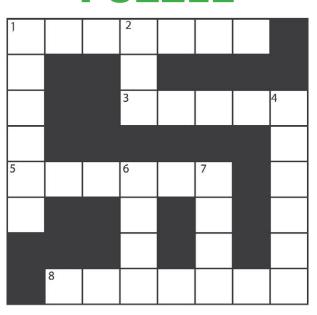
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- 3. Loose garment
- 5. Shelters for dogs or cats
- 8. Being with others

DOWN

- 1. Foolish behaviors
- 2. Small rug
- 4. Pleasant to snuggle
- 6. People working together
- 7. Long story

What's the Difference?





There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?

Find Answers on Page 26



Small tube feet on the underside of sea stars help them to move across the ocean floor.





Find Hawk

This hawk has been hidden in this issue of "Hardin Valley Living!" Search through the pages to find the hawk. When you do, fill out this form and mail or bring it to:

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Why it's so important to proactively take care of your health especially if you're over 40

What is the goal of Preventative Healthcare? The Aim is to be as strong and healthy as possible moment to moment as part of our everyday lifestyle. That way, when the inevitable happens, be it an injury or illness, we have the foundation to deal with it. We can move through health issues more easily and recover more quickly if we're healthy from the beginning. In other words, we can proactively take control of our health no matter where we are on our journey.

You might think to yourself "Oh I'm not an athlete" or, "I don't like exercise" or, "I've tried before and I will never lose weight" or even, "I feel fine, I don't need to work out." The truth is, no matter who you are or what kind of shape you are in, being physically active now will make a big difference later. Man with arms outstretched at sunrise

There are plenty of us out there who won't go to the doctor until we're sick, or won't take care of our bodies until problems start to arise. It makes sense on one level. Why spend money on healthcare if you don't have to? Sooner or later though, you will have to pay attention to your health—and spend money on it. So, the bigger question is, do you want to spend a whole lot of time and money fixing a big problem later? Or would you rather prevent it from happening in the first place or at least stop it from getting worse? Plus, and this is a big plus, if you make smart, healthy choices consistently, you won't just feel stronger physically while you're working out, you'll feel better off the treadmill or out of the gym, too. Feeling strong, healthy, and fit is something you carry with you in everything you do, and it will change your whole life.

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Kids Corner Answers

Crossword Puzzle:
Across

- 1. Animals 3. Tunic
- 5. Crates 8. Company Down
- 1. Antics 2. Mat 4. Cuddly
- 6. Team 7. Saga

*Get the Picture:*Sea Turtle

What's the Difference?:

- 1. Birds in sky
- 2. Polka dots on girl's swimsuit
- 3. Missing items in background
- 4. Woman has straps on swimsuit



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From page 13

First time around

Also an extremely young high school teacher during the 1955-56 school year in Western Kentucky, Don "still had one year to go" of seminary when first coming to West Knox County in 1957.

But their first taste of East Tennessee came in what is now Farragut.

Meeting his wife at Bethel College in McKenzie (West Tennessee) Jane is a native West Tennessean, growing up near Humboldt — "We got married in 1957 in Humboldt," said Don, who also takes pride in being a Hardin Valley historian. "That night we left for East Tennessee; I was pastor at Virtue Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

"... It's on the same road (today, along Virtue Road), but it's not where it (is now). It was originally, when I was the pastor, at the corner of Evans Road and Virtue Road," he added. "... A little white church right behind

where Virtue Cemetery is.

"We lived on McFee Road in a house that the church rented for us."

In addition to his pastoral duties, "The last year we were here, the 1958-59 school year, I taught school at Powell High School ... To get more money so I could go back to school again," Don said. "I taught math."

Also a math teacher who earned a masters degree, Jane said she "taught a half-year at Farragut (High School) ... ancient history and math."

An interesting connection Don had to both Virtue Cumberland and Marietta Cumberland was his mentor, the Rev. Charles Faith — also a native Western Kentuckian.

"When I was growing up my pastor was Charles Faith," Don said. "He finished seminary and moved to East Tennessee, to the Virtue church. He pastored both Marietta and Virtue. ... It was a parish that he had. He preached at both of them each Sunday: he preached at one at 9:45 and the other one at 11 o'clock.

"He asked me if I would come out

here — the two churches were getting ready to go their separate ways, and he was going to stay at Marietta,' the Valley historian said. "Virtue was looking for a pastor, so he contacted me and asked if I would be interested in talking with Virtue, which I did."

Second time a keeper

Don went back to West Tennessee "to finish on my seminary work" in 1959, but the couple would return to West Knox County for Don's UT masters work in August 1965.

"I was glad to come back to East Tennessee," he added. "The Marietta Church contacted me and asked if I would serve as their pastor, and I agreed to serve one year. My plan at that time was to go into the military as a chaplain."

Having moved to Clarksville after seminary to pastor the church there, "I joined the Army Reserves; I was just down the road from Ft. Campbell (Kentucky)," Don said.

However, "... I felt that probably some of the reasons that I was planning to go into the military were reasons the Lord didn't want.

"... In looking back at your life, it's easier to see the leadership of the Lord than it is going through the wilderness," he added.

Meanwhile, Jane taught "upper division math" at Powell High for several vears.

Valley history interest

Already fascinated with history, "While I was at UT, I had the library open to me so I did some research on the Hardins that came here, for which the Valley was named," Don said. "And we had some good storytellers here in the community who told me some of the history of Hardin Valley.

"I fell in love with Hardin Valley," he added. "Margie Walters was the historian of the Valley. ... She was a member of Marietta Church, and she had given me a lot of documents ... and she shared with we a lot of the history of the church."

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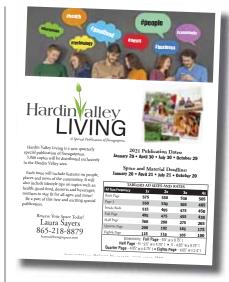












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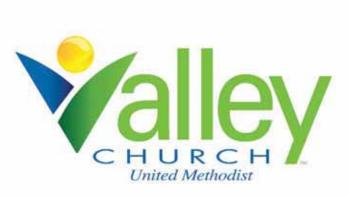


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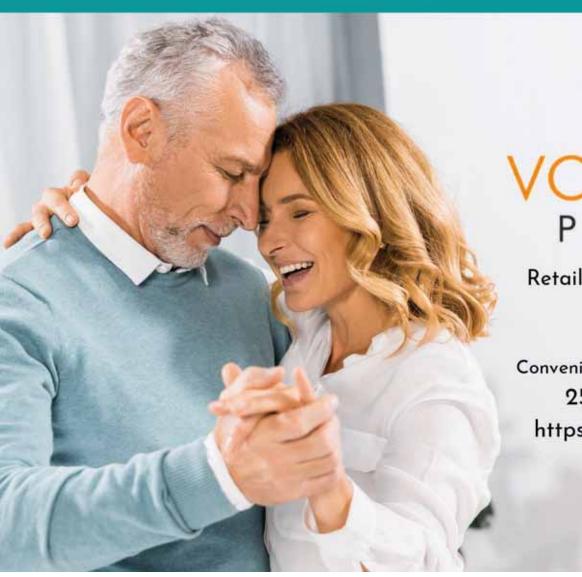
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