



First Baptist Kids News Discovery Club

Louris Cheesman Tells Her Story

We apologize for the delay in printing this wonderful interview with our dear saint, Louris Cheesman, at the time of her birthday.

We did get somewhat behind with the Thanksgiving and Christmas Seasons and the rehearsals for "The Peanut Butter Christmas."

However, we want to share this interview with everyone. Thank you Miss Louris.

How long have you lived in Florence?

I've lived on 3rd street all my life. I liked to move, didn't I? But I have traveled a lot.

Where did you live when you were little?

On 3rd Street.

Did people have cars when you were little?

Yes my dad had a car and he taught a lot of people how to drive. Cars were not plentiful back then. My dad took people to Philadelphia and Trenton or to doctors

and hospitals. My dad was a very good driver, in fact, he had a 39 Oldsmobile and taught my ex-husband how to drive. Back then a lot of people didn't have cars but people loaned their cars for others to use.

What kind of toys did you have as a child?

We had dolls, doll coach, a bassinet, sort of like a wooden cradle. We had table and chairs with dishes. My mother and aunt made doll clothes for our dolls, not as gifts but just so we'd have them.



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Who is the first President that you can remember?

I was going to say Washington, but he is too far back.

I believe it was Herbert Hoover.

What school did you go to?

I went to Duffy School through the 9th grade and then to Bordentown High on a school bus. We came back to Florence to graduate because they changed Duffy into a high school. I would have graduated in 1943, (My mother went to Duffy School.)

When did you get saved by trusting Jesus as your Savior?

I was 11 years old, around 1936 or 1937, when I got saved. It was up where the organ is but the organ wasn't there then. We had SS classes where the foyer is now but there wasn't an office there at that time.

How many children did you have?

I have 1 daughter.

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How many brothers and sisters did you have?

I had 2 brothers and 2 sisters. I'm second in line.

Did you play any sports as a child?

I never played sports because I had no coordination. I still don't. You could put a ball ON the bat and I wouldn't be able to hit it.

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Louris Cheesman Interview

What kind of work did you do?

I wrapped meat at the A&P for 30 years. Back then you wrapped everything; turkeys, hams, everything. That's what I did. After that, I came to Florence as a janitorial custodian at the Elementary School. I worked there for 10 years. We had to do whatever they told us to do, not just cleaning and sweeping. Then I planned to retire and not work anymore. But Jimmy was working at the Burlington County Bank and told me they needed someone in the book-keeping department. I went to work there and stayed for 9 years.

Did you go to this church when you were little?

Yes my mother started me in Sunday School when I was 4 yrs old

Do you have anything you'd like the children to remember or know about you?

Well --- I taught Sunday School for many years when we had 2 classes for boys and 2 classes for girls. The classes were downstairs.

I sang in the choir, can you believe that. One thing I do remember.

I was asked to do a duet with Marie Adams. I was up all night worrying about singing and the next morning Marie was sick and we never got to sing that song.

Miss Annie was Superintendent for years. Back then, to get your first Bible, they gave out little blue tickets. When you got 5 tickets, you turned them in for 1 red ticket. When you got 12 red tickets, you got a Bible. You received the tickets for

attendance, memorization, etc.

I always heard the Word of God in this church—

I was always taught the Love of Jesus in Sunday School.

I always loved to go to Sunday School and Church. I loved the Church and loved God's people. There were so many good people. People you looked up to—and could look up to because they lived what they believed.

Back then, you didn't go out on Sunday to eat or go shopping, you sat quietly at home and went back to church in the evening. Really you went to church every time the doors opened. After you joined the church and you were baptized, you were expected to be there. I actually became a member in 1957.

The kids seemed to have fun and we appreciate their hard work and participation.

We want to thank Hannah Weeks for the great backdrop of "Hotel 9" as well as Tyler's help with the children and their puppets during the program. Also Karen's support as our backup teacher and assistant during the play has been most helpful and appreciated.

We look forward to our new session beginning January 9. We have consistently had 12-14 students each week and hope to see everyone this Wednesday.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN THE DISCOVERY CLUB

We've been a very busy group in the Discovery Club these last few months.

During this last quarter we've discussed gratefulness. The Biblical characters which we studied that showed gratefulness were Abel, the grateful Leper, Aristarchus of Thessalonica, and Boaz. Do you remember what these people did to show gratefulness?

In comparison, we studied the following wildlife that shows gratefulness: the Aphid, Mistletoe, the Maple Tree

and the Bald Eagle.

Of course, before Christmas, we read and studied the Christmas story. Some of the girls wanted to know if Mary had labor pains. Our answer was "probably, but we don't know" and we're here to study about the birth of our Savior—not about the birth process. You never know what they'll ask next"

We had a great time preparing for and performing our Children's Play, "The Peanut Butter Christmas."