

I am Carter Baxter, a retired teacher and a forgiven sinner. I was born here in Batesville on September 8, 1943. I am so glad to share with you how God got my attention and changed my life.

In my twenties, I taught driver's education in addition to my other classes. In the car one day, a student asked me where I would go when I died-to heaven or to hell. That question caught me off guard. Realizing that I had not lived up to God's standards, I hesitantly replied, "I think I'll go to hell." As I thought about that conversation in the days that followed, I began to yearn for the assurance of going to heaven when I died. Even though I had attended church for years, I suddenly realized that I didn't really know how to get there. I had always believed the Bible to be true, so I began reading in the New Testament, desperately seeking the answer and finally I realized that Jesus had died on the cross to pay for my sins so that I could have eternal life. I realized that I didn't have to do anything. He had done it all! I asked Him to be my Savior and Lord. At that moment I was assured of a place with Jesus after I die. Tears of thankfulness streamed down my face. Since then, He has been with me daily, providing guidance, peace, and joy.

My most enjoyable moments occur when I share what Jesus has done for me and when I see my children developing a deeper relationship with Him.