



Scott Myers

"Nothing is bad if it's short."

That's my philosophy in this bio:

After high school, I headed for "the enemy school up north"....smile... It changed my life, not because of football...smile... but the cultural, political, spiritual movements of the time were

riding a wave in Ann Arbor. I earned History and English degrees, along with a degree in the school of personal hard knocks, and in the school of social protest movements. I eventually became a community/street organizer, moved to St. Louis to join in civil rights organizing. I did that for 10 years, lived on nothing, or by a small business a Jesuit friend of mine and I started.

Meeting people of faith in the civil rights work, and drawing on a grandfather's calling, I decided to become a minister, eventually Presbyterian. I've been doing that for 35 years now (8 years in a farming village 20 miles from Lima, Ohio, the rest in St. Louis and now Kansas City). My greatest works have been: leading a children's program called Peace Quest for 20 years AND Arts and Spirituality, for which I won a Lily Endowment sabbatical in 2005! That changed my life!

I have 3 adult daughters, adopted, biological sisters from Costa Rica. 8 grandkids all in KC area. My wife, Jeannie, is a retired MD. I would be nothing without her! Still working, focused on finishing rebuilding my church, which was destroyed in a catastrophic fire in late 2011. My current motto is: "Your lawyer is your only friend." Oh! And the ATF....since, fortunately they are required by law to investigate church fires.

When I was 20, I wanted to be a writer, Faulkner style, but couldn't figure out how. Still, I've written professionally my entire life, and in recent years, have become a playwright, am enjoying having my plays professionally staged here in KC, and hope to live long enough to see all of them staged.

It's fun looking forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming reunion. Glad to be alive to make it!

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