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Kathryn Spurgeon

Kathryn is a direct descendant of Charles Haddon Spurgeon, a highly influential preacher in the 1800s who was known as the “Prince of Preachers.” One of the buildings at the old Thomas Road Baptist Church was named after Charles.

Why did you choose to attend Liberty University?

It was just in my heart to go to Liberty. I had known of university since the 1970s and I wanted to go when I was graduating from high school, but it wasn’t possible at that time. A few years after my husband died in 1985 I moved my kids to Lynchburg and they went to Liberty Christian Academy and I went to Liberty.

What is your fondest memory of Liberty?

I was in the Living Christmas Tree program at Thomas Road Baptist Church for three years and I loved that. Because I was a single parent I couldn’t do as many extracurricular activities, but I worked at the bookstore and that was a blast. It was a behind-the-scenes job in the warehouse, and I really enjoyed it a lot. We would set up for all the book sales and buybacks. The warehouse was in the first dorm past the Vines Center on the left at that time.

How did attending Liberty prepare you for your life after graduation?

I use what I learned in organizational behavior and management every day. When I’m consulting with my clients on recovery work I am literally going back into the organization structure, and I’m thinking about what their human
resource needs are. As a Christian we should always be lifting others up and thinking of ourselves as an ambassador of sorts. You garner a lot more support when you behave that way.

**What would people be surprised to know about you?**

I love to bake. To me baking is a creative outlet. I also used to travel all the time as an auditor with my job. One year I slept in hotels for 300 nights.

Spurgeon is heading the New York City area LU alumni chapter that is being launched this spring in the Big Apple. Contact the Liberty University Alumni Relations Office at alumni@liberty.edu or (800) 628-7973 for more information on this and other chapter launches.