

Gaye Hudson Fisher

Gaye is the daughter of a southern Black National Baptist minister, career Chaplain, Lieutenant Colonel, Air Force Officer and his wife. After his retirement from the Air Force, he served 3 churches in Nashville, TN and completed his Doctor of Ministry degree from Vanderbilt University. Gaye was born in Grand Forks, North Dakota and has lived in ten different states in the US and graduated from high school when living near Oxford, England. She attended Belmont University with a double major in commercial music vocal performance and music education. She also has a Master of Education degree from Central Connecticut State University. A career music teacher and church choral director, she has recently retired from education. She and her husband, Carl (a Paducah Tilghman graduate), moved here from St Paul, MN in 2024.

Gaye will celebrate her 50th year as a church choir director next year. She spent 35 years teaching music education to students from Pre-K through college. Though education became her “long-time” love, she has also had the pleasure of performing and recording. Highlights of her career in the music industry include back-up singing with Larry Gatlin and Charlie Daniels. She has also shared the stage with Al Green and Shirley Ceasar. She was a featured soloist with the Nashville Jazz Orchestra, New Britain Symphony Orchestra and Austin’s Zilker Theater Productions. Other creative work included working as a studio musician with Loretta Lynn Productions, singer and dancer at Opryland USA, and associations with Peabo Bryson and Lionel Richie.

Her time now is spent as choral director of Arcadia United Methodist Church and joyfully hanging out with her eight great-grandnieces and nephews.