



*Katy Joann Gottwalt*

The two of us set out years ago in search of true love. We hit many bumps and detours along the way before finding a true love we didn't expect - Jesus Christ.

After much prayer and time, God has mended our hearts and answered our prayers by bringing us together.

Both of us prayed before talking to each other, seeking God's perfect will.

Shawn asked me out for the first time at our church, God's house. Then, when the time came, he asked for my hand in marriage at our church, God's House.

Today in His house, with our friends and family, we will be joined as one.

*Shawn Christopher Stebens*

*Mr. & Mrs.*

*Shawn & Katy Stebens*

*October 17, 2009*

MIGHTY FORTRESS COMMUNITY CHURCH  
1806 33rd Street, Rock Island, Illinois

## Wedding Party

Rev. Thomas Schillinger.....Officiate  
Parents of the Bride ..... Betty Howard  
Paul & Rheta Gottwalt  
Special Friends .....Kollin & Lisa Michaels  
Parents of the Groom ..... Brad & Cindy Entler  
Matrons of Honor .....Heidi Smith  
Tasha Schillinger  
Best Man .....Brad Entler  
Brides Maids.....Sarah Michaels  
Karissa Michaels  
Groomsmen .....Gary Crookshanks  
Alex Sierra  
Ushers .....Carl Griffin  
Derrick Michaels  
Children of the Party .....  
Isabelle, Nate, & Zach Stebens  
Simon, Shelby, & Sawyer Smith  
McKenna & Evan Schillinger  
Madison Perez & Owen Michaels  
Lauren, Jake, & Makenna Posten  
Guest Book.....Amanda Ricketts

*Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.*

*~ 1 Corinthians 13 ~*

*If I speak in the tongues of men  
and of angels, but have not love,  
I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And  
if I have prophetic powers, and understand all  
mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all  
faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love,  
I am nothing. If I give away all I have,  
and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but  
have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient  
and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not  
arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own  
way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not  
rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.*

*Order of Service*

Processional ..... "With all my Love"  
Jonathan Cain

Entrance of Bride ..... "God Blessed the Broken Road"  
Tom & Tasha Schillinger

Greeting

Call to Worship

Giving of the Bride

Prayer

Exchange of Vows

Scripture Reading ..... 1 Corinthians 13

Exchange of Rings

Blessing of the Family

Unity Ceremony ..... "I Belong"  
Tasha Schillinger

Closing Prayer

Presentation of Couple

## *Bridal Party*

**Heidi M. Smith** .....

My favorite sister, you always did everything first—rode a bike, got married, had children—  
but I always catch up!

..... **Tasha L. Schillinger**

My soul-sister, I've heard people say we were cloned. I know you are the voice of reason when I start to unravel.

**Sarah A. Michaels** .....

A willing and ready friend when it's time to do something crazy and wild. Thank you for being there!

..... **Karissa R. Michaels**

A very special friend and a great support to me. You have been there for me whenever I wasn't there for me. Thanks for your prayers and friendship!

**Isabelle Stebens** .....

My precious daughter—you are a beauty. You have a special place in my heart and I am blessed to be your mother.

## *Groomsmen*

..... **Brad Entler**

Father, friend and fellow muscle car fanatic, thanks for being there for me!

**Gary Crookshanks** .....

Friend, mentor, and a great example of a Christian man, Thank you for the direction!

..... **Alex Sierra**

Fellow Pastor and friend, you are always there for me when I need to talk or pray with someone.

**Nathaniel & Zachary Stebens** .....

My Sons - we are moving forward today, creating a new family by building on God's love for each of us. We are blessed!

..... **Nieces, nephews & little friends of mine**

Their titles may be different, but each and every one of these children are special to me and it is a great privilege to watch them change, grow, and reach all the big milestones along the way!