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Catching up with...

Captain Andi Chasteen (Trumbly)



I met Andi when she stepped into my classroom as a junior high student for Bible class. Right off the bat I knew that this young lady was a leader! As a freshman she was part of our first BVCH co-ed soccer team. She was a terror on the field! She always expressed on having a girls team. After playing co-ed for three years her wish came true, the Lady Lions Inaugural year, 2006! Andi was our first captain of the program and the only senior that year! Upon graduation she attended Stan State and then Cedarville University, Ohio. The rest.....I'll let you catch up!

Catching up with Andi.....

When did you graduate Big Valley?

I graduated in 2006

Where did you attend College? Degree?

I graduated with a BA in psychology and 2 minors (bible and youth ministry) I also have been working on my master in professional school counseling but I chose to stop when my daughter was born so I could focus on being mommy.



Tell us about your family. Husband? Children?

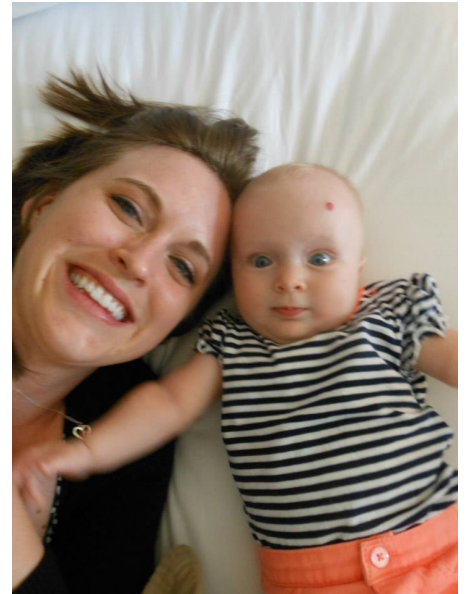
I met my husband Josh, at Cedarville University and we have been married for 4 years (July of 2010). After graduation from Cedarville, we chose to stay in Ohio to raise our family and now live in Lebanon, Ohio where my husband grew up. We have a baby girl named Jordan who is quite a joy to us. She was born on January 1 of this year. We can hardly believe she is almost a year old already. She is quite a character and we are so blessed to be her parents.

What is your 9-5 job?

My 9-5 job is full time mommy although the hours are a bit different than most jobs. :)

In the last ten years what has been your proudest moment?

I have many proud moments in the last 10 years, such as graduating from college, doing my masters with a high gpa (big accomplishment for me), getting married to my best friend, and managing a home on top of working and serving. The one that I would have to say is my proudest moment is having my baby girl join our family. She is such a blessing and there is nothing like having a little one that I have the opportunity to help grow. We have been very blessed.



What are the most important lessons you've learned since graduating from high school?

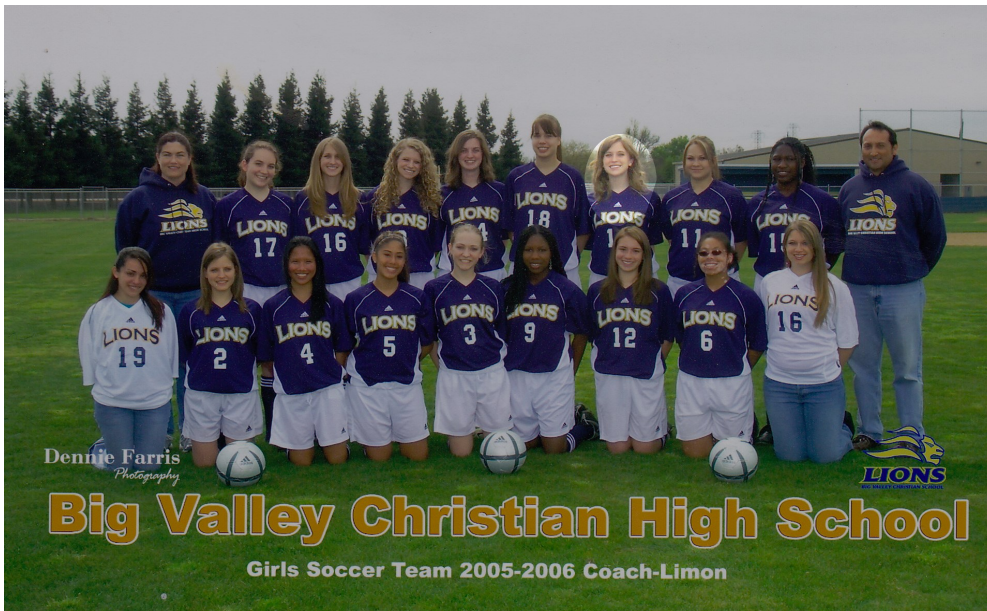
One of the biggest things I have learned since graduating high school is what it really means to be a follower of Christ. I feel like, even at a Christian school, high school is such a hard place to feel comfortable in your faith because there are so many distractions that pull you away. 2 years after I graduated, I rededicated my life to

Christ and truly began following the Lord and I learned that following Christ is not a shameful thing to put on the back burner for when you need it. He is the all loving, merciful Savior who wants to be a part of everything in your life. If I know anything about Big Valley, you are learning this, but I hope and pray this will stick with you as you grow and leave high school. Don't be like me and look back wishing you would have done stuff different in high school.



Another thing I have learned is to find a way to serve others. As you leave high school it is easy for everything to become about you as you transition to college or whatever you pursue after high school. This is a time where you don't have your parents (well in most cases) telling you that you have to go to church or serve, but I can tell you that it is so beneficial to get out of yourself and serve others around you. My first year of college I stayed at Stan State and played basketball and I didn't make anytime for anyone but myself. I went to church to check it off my list, but never got involved. When I transferred to Cedarville, I purposefully did not pick up a sport so that I can serve and that is when I grew the most! Serving others allows God to transform you along with those that you are giving to. Take a friend with you or even if your dating someone...it makes it even better. :)





What is your favorite memory with the Lady Lions?

My favorite memory of being a Lady Lion is our first travel tournament as a team. I remember that it was in Sacramento somewhere, but I can't remember how we did or anything about soccer per say. The thing I remember is how much fun we had together as a team. It was such a bonding experience and truly such a fun memory that I think about often.

Another fond memory I had was competing with Collean Comfort when we would do weights. She was such a beast and I am so competitive that I would kill myself just to match her squat weights. We would be neck and neck and then she would get 5 more pounds on me and it would just infuriate me. She thought it was funny of course, which would only taunt me more. LOL!

How has your involvement with the Lady Lions helped you? In what ways do you believe your involvement with the Lady Lions changed you?

The last 2 questions I feel like I can combine. My time with the Lady Lions helped me learn a lot about character development. Being the only senior on the team and a team captain offered me a chance to develop my leadership skills. I felt that a lot of the girls looked up to me in that time and because of that, it helped me learn how to be a proper leader who thought of my team mates and not just the success of our teams record. Don't get me wrong, I wanted to win, but with a developing program it didn't always happen. So, instead of focusing on the struggle, I was able to focus on my teammates and us celebrating the personal victories of each teammate. I also learned a lot about perseverance, discipline, hard work and endurance which are a huge part of being a person of character. Mr. Limon put so much more into the program than just developing our soccer skills, but focused a lot on our overall character. Because of how this program has been structured from day 1, I feel that it has played a part into becoming the well rounded woman of God that I strive to be today. I am thankful for the time I had with the Lady Lions and I wish I could be more involved with the program today.

