

# Christine Hoskins

“In November 1994, I was diagnosed with breast cancer - stage 3. It all seemed like a bad dream and things really happened so fast. I had my first chemotherapy treatment on November 30, 1994. The doctors were very good at sharing all the side effects of chemotherapy and doing their best to prepare me for the process and what to expect. First, I woke up to my hair falling out and having to deal with that. But I am a survivor and learned to be strong, what-

ever came and deal with it in a strong positive manner. It would have been easy to feel sorry for myself, but I chose to trust God and lean on him for my strength and courage. I knew there was a purpose for this, I just didn't know what - but God knew. He gave me strength and the courage to cope with my illness and healed me. He also blessed me with the love and support of a strong family. With an abundance of their strong

support and his guidance I was strong and I am now a 20 year survivor!! We can survive if we catch the cancer early, which is why testing is so important.”

—Story submitted by Kareta Purnell, Friend & Coworker

