

Real Estate Broker Sheri Breeze Shines Her Light of Faith and Gives People Hope as an Agent for God

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Licensed real estate broker Sheri Breeze wakes up every morning praying and prays throughout the day that as she works with clients and others in the business, she will not only follow the highest standards of integrity and ethics as an agent for God but will also be a light of hope to those she meets along the way.

"Christians know hope is a key gift from the Lord, and each transaction I enter in with clients has to be full of hope, as there are so many obstacles on the path to the actual closing," Breeze, owner of SBreeze Realty of Rochester, said. "Each day I am anxious to see what the Lord has in store for me, and I do my best to follow His path for me."

Recently, Breeze shared with *The Good News* information about her business and how her faith is critical to everything she pursues.

The Good News: Why did you choose to go into this field?

Sheri Breeze: I chose to go into the field for many reasons. I love working with people and helping them invest the resources God provides into a home where they can reside, raise a family, live the life God blessed them with. It also allows my schedule to be somewhat flexible, so I am able to spend a lot of time with my family, and be available when they need me. I am very fortunate that my profession is my passion. Also, real estate is fun - just ask any of my clients!

The Good News: What is your background, experience, and education?

Sheri Breeze: I have an accounting degree, which is very useful in the real estate business. I provide my clients with helpful financial tips that benefit them greatly, from household budgeting to paying off their mortgage early, saving them years of mortgage payments and tens of thousands of dollars in mortgage interest.

The Good News: What gifts and talents is God allowing you to use in this business?

Sheri Breeze: I am naturally very organized and efficient, which is very helpful in the real estate business. I believe my positive attitude goes a long way towards closing transactions. Many times I help people to not only buy or sell a house, but also get through some tough times in life. Most of my clients are referred to me, and we are strangers when we meet. But real estate is a personal business, and it doesn't take long for me to discover I have been blessed with not only a new client, but a new friend. When people need a real estate professional, they are often also experiencing a huge change in their life. They are free to share their burdens and trials with me, and it helps me to know how to help them best and gives me a chance to offer them the kindness and compassion they deserve. I am very thankful for all of the people the Lord has put into my life through my business.

The Good News: How long have you been in the real estate business and how has your business evolved?

Sheri Breeze: I earned my real estate salesperson license in 2006 and worked for a small company for a few years. I earned my broker's license in 2009 and started my own business at the beginning of 2011. SBreeze Realty is a full-service company representing real estate buyers and sellers. Obviously, my services include listing a home for sale and helping buyers through the



Sheri Breeze, realtor

purchase of a new home. But there are many free services I provide as well. I have clients call and email questions often, just looking for advice or tips. I have helped several people sell their homes on their own as well.

The Good News: How did you come to know the Lord Jesus as your personal Savior?

Sheri Breeze: My amazing Grandpa always picked me up for church on Sunday, and he introduced me to Jesus and taught me how to live the Christian life, through words, but more importantly through his way of living and the examples he set for how to serve the Lord and other people. I learned a song in Sunday school about 40 years ago -- "This Little Light of Mine, I'm Gonna Let it Shine" and it stuck! Although I may not always be happy, I have joy and I am so thankful for all I've been blessed with. I have been blessed with knowing the Lord my whole life, and although I fail Him, He just keeps on loving me. My relationship with God is incredible, and I pray for all those who choose to live their lives without Him. I've had my share of disappointments, hurts, and heartbreaks in my life, but He is always there, carrying me through the worst of experiences and giving me even more hope and love. All I desire is to serve and live for Him.

The Good News: How does your faith influence your business practices?

Sheri Breeze: Licensed real estate professionals have to practice business according to the Code of Ethics of the National Association of Realtors. Working for God sets an even higher standard. I start praying as soon as I wake up and continue throughout the day. Prayer is everything! From prayers for my clients' personal situations, to prayers for our transactions are of the utmost importance. Also, I read a lot, and completely take advantage of the beautiful gift of music. Between the prayer, Christian music, and Bible reading, I am highly motivated daily to serve God in so many ways as an individual and through my business.

The Good News: How has God strengthened you and your faith during the ups and downs of the real estate market with the downturn in the economy?

Sheri Breeze: The downturn in the economy I keep hearing about has not affected my business or my attitude. If my business is slower now, it's only giving me time to perfect my 'systems' and spread my name for future business.

The Good News: Where is your church home and how do you serve in your church and in the community?

Sheri Breeze: I am a member of Pearce Memorial Church in North Chili. The most amazing ministry I am involved in is the Pearce Children's Christmas Musical. I am currently in my 5th year as the choreographer, working closely with the Director, my best friend Sandra Dick. This ministry is such a blessing. I was influenced by my leaders/teachers as a young person, and can only pray that I am encouraging 'my' 40+ children each year as we work for the Lord, preparing our gift to the church and to the community. I am also part of a fascinating small group at Pearce. We gather to share, care, and pray for one another, and we take part in special programs or ministries together.

The Good News: How has God guided you and blessed you in your business?

Sheri Breeze: He has blessed me in so many ways. Knowing that I have the power of the Lord behind me gives me confidence. I have faith that God is using my business to provide for my family and is using it by putting wonderful people in my path each day. My clients are incredible, but also other realtors, attorneys, and lenders that I work with on a regular basis.

The Good News: Do you have any other comments you would like to share with our Good News readers and please provide your contact information?

Sheri Breeze: If you or someone you know needs a real estate professional that offers personal, caring, and attentive service, contact me! I truly appreciate referrals and give great referral gifts. I can be reached by phone or text at 585-704-3860. Also for further information, go to www.SheriBreeze.com or readers may 'Like' my business page "SBreeze Realty" on Facebook.

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may lurk for 30 years before they claim their pound of flesh. We believers are "spiritually limping" from our forays outside God's garden.

In a way, we were born outside of God's garden. Eve had a perfect relationship with the Creator, but was deceived and led astray. Consequently, Anderson declared, "our spiritual DNA is sin and that won't leave us until we stand before God... Still God couldn't love you more when you're good than when you're bad.... Only a loving Father would seek out the lost. We get back into the Father's yard through a relationship with Jesus Christ, who covers us in a robe of righteousness... We are invited into Jesus' yard."

She concluded, "You have never lived inside the Father's yard if you experienced religion and not relationship with God. We live in God's yard but also outside the boundaries in certain areas since we believers are not without sin." How do we stay in God's yard? Anderson made six suggestions.

- Know God's boundaries. Abide in His Word; read the Bible. The audience murmured agreement when Anderson suggested that some churches change or water down God's Word.
- Know your own personal boundaries - your weaknesses.
- Make decisions before certain situations arise.
- Have accountability in your area of struggle.
- Beware of the little things that can creep in to trip you up.
- Use your testimony to minister to others. Anderson reminded the older women that they have much wisdom to share with younger women.

After Sherrie's remarks, the ladies enjoyed a reception, featuring what is now byGraceMinistries' delicious trademark homemade hummus. Janet Wing commented that she believed Sherrie has a gift and a heart for women. "People often beat around the bush and don't call sin sin," she said. MaryAnn Constantine, a first time listener, found Sherrie's comments "amazing" and added that we absolutely need boundaries. Nancy Abbott called Anderson's remarks "inspirational."

No doubt many of the ladies will be returning to Crosswinds Wesleyan for byGraceMinistries' Contend Women's Conference to be held on Friday and Saturday, March 16th and 17th, 2012. The two day event will encourage women to fight defeat and reclaim lost ground as women learn to "Fight like a girl!" In addition to Anderson, the Conference will feature Dr. Kathryn Martin, a popular speaker at conferences, churches and civic groups; and Jennie Afman Dimkoff, Christian writer and speaker.

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