**Bio – Sharon Shelton**

Sharon Shelton has over 30 years of professional work experience with Fortune 200 companies. For the past 14 years, she has been an on-site owner of a Private Preschool Franchise located in Holly Springs, GA in Cherokee County. In that role, she oversees a staff of 25+ employees, with direct responsibility for the following operational functions: accounts receivable and accounts payable, finance, recruiting, employee benefits and compensation, training and development, employee relations, budgeting, marketing and strategic planning. She is a past graduate of Leadership Cherokee and is currently a Board Member of the Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce and a past member of the Planning and Zoning Commission of Holly Springs, GA.

She has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Engineering from the University of Louisville Speed Scientific School of Engineering and an MBA in Human Resources from Indiana University-Bloomington. Her former work experiences have included positions in Consulting, Engineering, Pharmaceutical Sales, International Marketing, Human Resources, Home Health Sales and Insurance Underwriting.

Sharon has been an active member of St. James United Methodist Church since joining in 2000. She is an Usher and a member of the Overseas Mission Team. She co-founded the overseas mission ministry at St. James UMC and was co-lead of a team of 12 on the first mission trip to Ghana in 2005. Sharon has lead mission trips to Kenya, the Bahamas and Haiti. During her membership, Sharon has been part of many ministries including Outreach, Health and Welfare, Youth Sunday School, and the Communion Ministry. She has been married to Dr. Rick Shelton for over 22 years and is the mother of two sons, Christopher and Aaron.