



# Everything Under the Son

## Two Decades Ministry on McKinley

Krista Ball and her husband, Mark, had been frequent customers at what was first called Christian Supply Center at 1519 Main.

Little did they know they would one day be serving their own clientele at what is now known as Everything Under the Son, 407 McKinley. The Christian bookstore and gift shop has grown over the years and continues to serve the community.

"We frequented the Christian Supply Center, in part, because we love Christian music and bought a lot of cassettes there," Krista said. "At the time, Mary Feist was the manager. Mary was always so cheery and helpful – a great asset to her customers." Then the Balls discovered the store was for sale. "It didn't take us long to decide to purchase it," Krista recalled. "It was such a blessing in our lives.

We didn't want to lose this vital ministry in our community."

The purchase was made in 1992.

The bookstore remained in its original downtown location for a while but eventually it moved a couple of blocks south.

"We felt the location across from the courthouse would be a better fit. It is a beautiful building."



Krista noted. Items can be ordered online through Facebook. She acknowledged that business has been a little slower during the pandemic "but we have the most wonderful and loyal customers."

The store's hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Krista was referring to the building that currently houses American State Bank and the Watkins, Calcara law firm at 1321 Main.

After a few years at that second downtown location, the property at 407 McKinley became available.

"With this came many new dreams of making this a very, very special place for our customers and the community," Krista said. "The square footage is much bigger, which gave us the opportunity to greatly expand our merchandise and other offerings."

This was in the year 2000 when the name was changed to Everything Under the Son "to give it a fresh and exciting new start." It now employs seven people.

"All of us love our customers. We love offering hope and encouragement to the community," Krista said. "We have the most loving, caring staff in the world. It is very common for me to walk into the store and see one of our employees praying and ministering to a customer. This blesses my heart every single time.

"Our employees are simply the best," she continued. "They have hearts of gold and we love them so much. And we have very special customers from all over."

The inventory at Everything Under the Son includes a variety of unique gifts, clothing, books, jewelry, Bibles, music and greeting cards. "We also have great children's books and gifts,"

