

## *Mrs. Barbara Kunkel*

I was born and raised in Texas. I graduated from Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, Texas where I majored in Math and Biology and completed my Texas Teaching Certification. I taught 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade math and biology at a small Texas school for three years, then went to graduate school at Baylor University where I met my Minnesota-born husband. I taught three more years of high school math while he finished his doctorate in math. We picked Northwest Tennessee to call home.

After 12 years in Martin teaching math for UTM, I have chosen to return to the classroom. I have a Master's degree in Mathematics from Texas A&M University and a heart for education. My main classroom goal and focus is to make math accessible to students who are not attuned to the rules and language of math. There is beauty in the structure and patterns of problem solving, and that I must help grow. I am putting my talents and experiences into the Obion County School District.