

## **Congregational Spotlight on: *Abigail Baxter – God’s Great Pleasure***

The day has finally arrived! It’s Monday, April 23, 2001 and an Amish midwife is moving quietly around in the Baxter household in New Albany, Indiana. Why? Because a little girl decided that she wanted to come into this world. And God wanted to give another precious gift to Andy and Teressa.

They named her Abigail, meaning my Father is joy or Father’s joy. In other words, she is the Father’s happiness or pleasure. Indeed, it was His great pleasure to fearfully and wonderfully form her and place her where she would grow to learn about Him and become a vessel He can use.

And when you take time to talk with her, you find that she truly loves the Lord and can find joy and laughter in most things. She can even laugh at herself, especially the fact that she is a heavy sleeper. Once when she was really young her father picked her up by her ankles while she was sleeping and tried to wake her. You guessed it...she continued sleeping as if undisturbed. Even today she can sleep through a bad thunderstorm.

Another humorous story is that whenever she used to get in trouble or her name was called or it was something she didn’t want to hear, she’d stick her head under a pillow. Does it sort of remind you of a bird that sticks its head in the sand? Yeah? Well Abigail did this quite often and eventually the family christened her THE OSTRICH.

During her 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grade years Abigail acted in various plays and musicals. Once, she had a speaking/singing role in a musical called: Honk! It was a musical adaptation of the story The Ugly Duckling, where she was the sibling of the main character, Ugly. And she’s also been in the choir since the 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Although she doesn’t really like school, she does like math because she’s really good at it. She also plays basketball and runs track, which is her favorite sport. Basically she loves competition and losing is not in her vocabulary. This also can include playing euchre with the family.

She’s in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade right now; however, when she graduates she’d like to go to college on a track scholarship. Her second choice would be to go to cosmetology school because one day she’d like to own her own hair salon. By doing that she can do something she loves and talk with people about Christ.

When she was four years old, her mother led her in the sinner’s prayer and she has been living for the Lord ever since. She desires all that God has for her which is why she has been praying for the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. The only thing she really likes to read is the Bible. And unlike most teenagers, Abigail doesn’t like to stay on the phone because she wants to focus more on God.

Here at Revolution Church she’d like to really see the young people rise up and get on fire for God. She’d like to see them maintain a focus on God. And as they change, they’d help bring others to Christ.

*Abigail you are truly a pleasure to the kingdom of God. He has great things in store for*

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*you and His plans for you are beyond your imagination. He sees the desires of your heart and He delights in you. I know you will receive the baptism and I know He will guide you into great things as you continue to keep Him as the main focus in your life. ~Blessings*