

## **Congregational Spotlight on: *John Baxter – The Beloved***

Andy and Teresa Baxter welcomed a sweet baby boy into the world on April 21, 2000. This second child born to them was named John. Although he has no brothers, he does have four sisters who sometimes like to embarrass him. Hey! Isn't that a sister's job?

John is in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade at New Albany High School. If he had to pick a favorite subject it would probably mathematics; however, he is really into athletics. He plays right guard for the New Albany Bulldogs football team and this year he is participating in the track and field throwing events like shotput.

To stay in shape and be prepared for his sporting events he works out with weights and runs. And of course eats! I don't know how healthy he usually eats but I do know that he LOVES Mexican food especially the HUGE burrito El Nopal has on its menu. Yes sir, his eyes will light up just talking about it. AND...he doesn't mind having to work off those calories either!

John grew up in church and was taught by his parents about Jesus and living for Him. So for John it's kind of hard to pinpoint an exact moment that he gave his heart to Jesus. He says that he just believed in Jesus all his life.

In fact John loves Jesus so much that he has no problem standing up for his faith even in school. He is always finding opportunities to preach the gospel especially to the guys on the football team. And because he is so vocal about his faith they have given him the nickname, Reverend John.

He so desires to feel the spirit of God stronger and stronger every day. He longs to walk so closely with the Lord that there is never any trouble in hearing God's voice. Because he longs for that intimate relationship with God, the only book he really likes to read is the Bible and LOVES listening to only Christian music. He wants Jesus so strong in him that there would be no problem raising people from the dead. After all, isn't that what Jesus said we would do?

College is definitely in the picture and he would love to get a full ride to college through his playing football. However, it would have to be a Christian college because he wants to do some kind of ministry. He's not really sure yet but he's open to whatever God wants him to do.

He would like to see more people coming to Revolution Church and people getting saved daily. He wants to see sickness gone and people healed and that the presence of God is felt so strongly.

*John [Hebrew meaning – Jehovah has been gracious or has shown favor.] All that you desire where God is concerned can and will be met as you continue to draw closer to Him. He loves spending time with you and loves that you are not ashamed of the Gospel.*

*What others consider miraculous and out of the ordinary will become your normal. God will use you to heal the sick, raise the dead, cast out demons, and preach the Word. It's Him doing it anyway. You're just the vessel used and He sees that you are willing. God bless you as you continue to run the race.*