

Congregational Spotlight on: *Teresa Baxter – God’s Gentle Daughter of Grace*

Teresa was born on July 11th and grew up in a large blended family in the small town of Trafalgar, IN. Where is Trafalgar? Glad you asked...it’s a small town located approximately 24 miles south of Indianapolis in the townships of Nineveh and Hensley in Johnson County.

Growing up in the rural community of Trafalgar, Teresa and her family had a garden, got to fish in a nearby lake, and went to the woods to gather and chop wood for the fireplace. While in high school, Teresa played basketball. And this young lady liked basketball so much she considered playing college basketball with the possibility of becoming a coach.

Her interest in coaching changed however when she went to L.A. to visit her sister. While there she saw a live performance of Beauty and the Beast and she became enthralled with the beauty and design of the costumes.

Although she had never sewn a thing in her life she asked for a sewing machine for her birthday and taught herself how to sew. It came so naturally to her and she was hooked. In fact she wanted to go to the design school in California but her dad didn’t want another daughter in L.A. Besides, God had other plans.

You see, her dad and Andy’s dad were hunting buddies and of course Andy and Teresa met and began to care deeply for one another. Andy adhered to Catholicism and Teresa hadn’t really made a commitment. Her family went to church from time to time but she’d never made the commitment to follow Christ.

Since she was going to marry Andy, she decided to make the commitment to Christ and get baptized in the Catholic Church. When she made her vows to follow Christ she took it seriously and knew deep inside that something had changed. This happened around Easter in 1997 and on December 27, 1997 she and Andy Baxter became husband and wife.

Soon after Andy and Teresa moved to New Albany for Andy’s work. Through God’s leading and personal reading of God’s word, they decided to leave the Catholic Church and ended up going to a small Baptist church.

They went to a revival in Kentucky where Teresa said she felt the presence of God. She went forward and asked God to give her the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Those around her were praying that God would give her desires of her heart.

Ironically the churches that were holding the revival didn’t really believe that much in the baptism of the Holy Spirit. And her desire was to get the baptism. Well, she got it! She said she was laughing and giggling and then began to speak in tongues.

What an awesome God we serve! He moves despite denominational differences. It’s true because it happened to Teresa. OH! And she HAS been able to use her love of sewing costumes for school plays before the twins were born.

Teresa would like to see the children of Revolution Church become a top priority. She would love to see them excited for God’s presence and exhibiting all the fruits of the Spirit and be all that God has for them to be.