

**Congregational Spotlight on:
*Andy Baxter – Completely Surrendered to God***

It's October 11, 1977 and Mr. & Mrs. Baxter have made it to the hospital in Indianapolis, IN. It was quite a drive from Unionville where they lived; however, they were excited because they were welcoming their first child into the world, little Andy.

Little Andy grew up in the country. Deep in the heart of the woods may be a better description for the place he and his brother and two sisters spent their childhood. In fact Andy's brother had a knack for getting lost in those woods.

One time he had been out hunting and had somehow gotten turned around. As it began to get dark everyone was getting quite concerned when he hadn't made it home. Andy, along with the rest of his family searched. They called the DNR (Department of Natural Resources) to help in the search. Pretty much Andy's brother spent the entire night in the woods and so did everybody else as they searched. Thankfully he was found.

In school Andy especially liked math. And he ran track and cross-country his last two years in high school. In fact Andy still likes to run today, as well as bike riding and lifting weights. BUT his favorite is reading the Word of God.

Andy's dad and Teresa's dad worked together at Ford in Indianapolis and were good friends. They hunted together and even went out west to do some big game hunting. Many times their families got together and the parents played cards. So Andy and Teresa sort of knew one another but it wasn't until they were on the court playing basketball that love and NOT the basketball struck Andy. On December 27 1997 they became husband and wife.

Andy grew up strictly adhering to the Catholic religion. He went every service and had been an altar boy and yet he didn't know who God was. He started going to welding school in Troy, OH and a gentleman there began to teach Andy the Word of God. Every night after class in his room Andy would be on his knees crying out to God for hours. He told God that whatever He wanted from him, he would do. Andy really wanted to marry Teresa but if God wanted him to be a priest then he would. Of course the Catholic way was all Andy knew at that time.

Then one day coming home the sky lit up with the brightest white light and white lightning bolts were coming from the sky. God spoke to Andy and told him three things: 1. He said Andy would go to Louisiana. 2. He said Andy would marry Teresa. 3. He said Andy would have a child. This experience changed Andy's life. You see every prayer he had prayed as he cried out to God had been answered.

And I am sure Andy was glad he was going to get to marry Teresa because he truly loved her. In fact Andy's greatest desire was to be a husband and a father. And God wanted that for Andy as well. He didn't just have A child, he and Teresa have five and he LOVES being their father.

His desire here at Revolution Church is to see the hearts of the fathers drawn to the children first so that the children will be drawn to the Father. It's time for the fathers to once again take their rightful place as priests of their home and model what a true man of God is like.