

Congregational Spotlight on: *Olivia Baxter – Daughter of Joy*

In God's infinite plan and design He decided that He was going to create a person that exuded happiness and joy. And ultimately He gave this little one to Andy and Teressa Baxter. It was on September 19, 1998 in Franklin, IN that a little girl was born. They named her Olivia meaning peace.

She didn't have to grow up an only child. In fact God blessed her with a brother and three sisters. However, at times having siblings doesn't always feel like a blessing, especially if it's your younger sister that wants to wear your shirt.

What? You mean I have to share?

You see, one time on Olivia's birthday, her sister decided to wear one of Olivia's shirts and Olivia was not happy to say the least. Because she created such a fuss, her mom and dad allowed Abigail to wear the shirt and teach Olivia a lesson about sharing. To this day they still have verbal fights over clothes.

Olivia also has this "thing" that she has tears for just about anything. According to her family, she can quickly cry for no particular reason. She can even have 'happy tears' as Abigail calls them. Once they were hiking in Colorado up Mt. Elbert. Poor Olivia was exhausted. Every time she thought they were close to the top, there was always more to climb.

Finally she just started to cry. After all she was tired and the climb was endless. Her father encouraged her to keep going since there was only 200 feet left. Yep! She made it to the top and the tears flowed. Not sure if the tears were because she was tired or if they were from relief or because they had to get back down the mountain. Either way they were trickling down her cheeks.

Olivia didn't really care much for school; though, she did like math. However, she absolutely loved theater and was involved in it from 4th grade through high school. In fact she helped her mom make costumes for many of their productions. Along with theater she also participated in dance.

OH! Just a little side note about Olivia that you may not know is that she randomly will clean toes. Just ask her family...they have the cleanest toes this side of the Ohio River. LOL!!

When Olivia was around four years old she would go with her dad when he drove the van for the church to pick up and drop off children. One of those times while on the van he led her in the sinner's prayer and she has lived for the Lord ever since. It was on a Wednesday night later in her life that she received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

For Olivia she wants her relationship with God to be fresh, alive, and exciting. She doesn't want a boring church girl life. Therefore she spent time in NYC ministering to the children on the streets. She found that there are a lot of people that need God and that God can use her even if her testimony isn't as grandiose as so many others.

Her testimony is that God kept her through so many things and He kept her from the bad stuff that others have been through. That is truly a testimony! One day she would like to write a musical that would go on Broadway and that it would be a witness for Jesus.

Here at Revolution Church, she would like to see it get young. In other words, she would

like to see people get back to that child-like love for God.