

Congregational Spotlight on: *Natalie Smith – God’s Little Sweetheart*

The Smith household is already filled with children but God decided to give Duke and Candy another child. Finally on Thursday, April 6, 2006 a baby girl was determined that it was time to come into this world. They named her Natalie.

On this day she was going to be number five in the sibling rank. She already had two older sisters and two older brothers. However, it would be several years later before she welcomes a younger sister.

When Natalie was around four years old she broke her arm. How? Well...she had climbed up on somewhere between 50-100 milk crates. Why? Only God knows what goes through the mind of a four year old. Her brother Jacob encouragingly proclaimed that her arm looked like a Big S.

Another time she was playing with her rip stick and a neighborhood boy was racing with her. Because Natalie was going to beat him, he threw a stick at her rip stick and she flipped and rolled down the hill. Thankfully she didn't break any bones this time.

Truly Ms. Natalie is not accident-prone. After all, she can play with her brother Jacob on the X-box without any mishap. Her favorite game that they play is Call of Duty.

School is pretty much okay for Natalie. She doesn't totally hate it but neither does she totally love it. She does like math because she's good with numbers. In fact her memory of numbers is so good she is constantly asked by her friends to unlock their combination locks on their lockers.

Even though she is in the 6th grade she has a few ideas of what she'd like to do when she graduates. She's toyed with the idea of becoming a firefighter because they help people; however, the thought of entering a building on fire is kind of scary so that profession may be out of the picture, as she gets closer to graduation.

Another profession is becoming a veterinarian. Why? Well the Smith household is also a mini zoo. They have two painted iguanas, three geckos, a cat, a dog, a snowball hamster, a spiked tailed lizard and a mouse. No wonder she loves animals. Yep! I could see her becoming a vet.

Natalie was young when she repeated the sinner's prayer and she was one of the first ones baptized at the building we are in right now. Speaking of Revolution Church, she'd like to see more people coming to the church, especially babies because she adores them. That's why she likes helping out in the nursery.

Natalie, you are such a sweetheart. When I see you, you make me smile. When I think of how much God loves you, it blows me away. Even though you are next to the last one born in your family, you are not the last one in God's family. You have purpose and your life was not a mistake.

God wants all of you now, not to wait when you get older. In fact, you are the perfect age. God says in the book of 1 Timothy 4:12 (NLT)...Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.

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WOW! You can be an example of Christ to all of us older folks and that is pretty awesome. Seek Him and He will let you find Him, cause He's just that good. ~Blessings