

Congregational Spotlight on: *Jacob Smith – Exceptional Young Man of God*

It is April 23, 2003! Sure it was a typical Wednesday for most people; however, for one young man it was not. It was the day he came into the world. Hold on a minute...he wasn't the only one because he shared space with his twin brother.

Due to unforeseen circumstances only one of those sweet baby boys survived. Joseph went on home to be with the Lord while Jacob stayed to become the third child of Duke and Candy Smith.

We don't always understand the 'why' of things that happen but one thing I can assuredly guarantee and that is God has a wonderful plan for Jacob's life. Therefore that is why he is exceptional, which means Jacob is not typical and has great outstanding qualities that are exactly what God needs for His kingdom.

Well, sweet Jacob has grown up in New Albany and has one brother and four sisters. Of course with so many siblings his favorite food is what he can find to eat. If anyone has grown up in a big family you'll understand what I am saying. Sharing and not always getting your favorite pieces is usually the norm.

Needless to say, Jacob does have a favorite food and that is Ramen noodles. Though they aren't really good unless you have enough of that powder stuff. If you do then they are the 'bomb diggedy'!

School is sort of okay. After all, who just really LOVES school? As far as subjects that hold his interest, they would have to be science and history.

One day Jacob would like to learn computer programming or the dream would be to program and develop software for games. He especially likes the Nintendo company but he's not really sure yet.

As with most young men at this age, the whole 'God experiences' aren't something he has fully grasped. He's saved and fondly remembers getting baptized at Deem's Lake. But he is such a private person and keeps his feelings to himself. As far as what happens here at Revolution Church, he'd really like to see something happen with the youth.

Jacob! I see you and the awesome young man that you are. You are no mistake. You are the twin that survived for a reason. God has greatness in you that He wants to mature even more and draw out.

Though you may question, "Why me?" and hope you don't disappoint, let me assure you that there isn't anyone walking around that hasn't messed up at one time or another; however, I want to encourage you and remind you that as a child of God, you have the King of all kings and Lord of all lords helping you.

As you draw closer to Him, He draws closer to you. Those dreams and desires aren't a surprise to Him. When He formed you He gave you your personality, your smile, and your interests. Now

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He wants you to allow Him to mold and shape you into a mighty valiant warrior for Him. Allow Him to be the God of Jacob!