

A2S Post

Able to Serve

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Able to Serve™ is a faith-based 501(c)3 nonprofit organization founded in 2003. Our mission is to get involved in the lives of individuals who have intellectual and physical disabilities and help them get involved in our community.

My Cat Tabby and His Kittens

by Teresa

My story is about my cat Tabby. Tabby is a male. He is an orange and white cat and is very loving. He came four years ago. He was a stray, and then he came to live with us.

He loves his treat at 12 noon. I love him, and mom does too. He is a very sweet cat.

March 6 was the kittens' birthday. I saw them being born. There were four of them. I took care of them. I was gentle with them until they were 6 weeks old.

Singing

by Ashley

Sometimes I sing gospel music on stage with The Hoppers. They are my favorite singers. Yes, I do stay right on pitch, singing the right notes. I stay with the music and keep on singing.

Softball

by Rachel

I like softball because my coach lets us play different positions. We all have fun as a team. We all make friends at the games. My favorite positions are first base and catcher. We have to practice a lot. My coaches are Mr. Joye and Mr. Eric. We play at South Garner Park most of the time. In the fall we had to travel all over Johnston County! We have to wear cleats, knee socks, and special uniforms. My team is called Joye's Refrigeration. Our team color is blue and white. I would love to have my ATS friends come to see me play this year!

Highland's Prom

by Matt

On Friday, March 8th, Highland Baptist Church had their annual Special Ministries prom. They served chicken fingers, fruit, vegetables, cheesecake bites, nachos, and punch. It was all very good.

The decorations were beautiful. There were storybook cardboard characters, lighted Cinderella coach and castle. Many of the people who went dressed up like their favorite storybook characters.

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We have had many friends visit Able to Serve the last few months. What do you remember about each one?

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Brooks was the DJ for the evening.

It was a well-attended event. The dancing was fun and enjoyable for me. I enjoyed dancing with everybody. I had a great time at the prom. I enjoyed spending time with everyone. I look forward to this event each year.

Thank you, Highland Baptist Church, for inviting Able to Serve to the prom.

Without Easter

Without Easter,
there would be no hope of heaven.
Without the hope of heaven,
there would be no repentance,
no personal transformation,
no attempt to follow biblical principles.
Without Easter,
the world would be in chaos
and darkness.
Jesus' death and resurrection
means we can be reborn,
to live better, to do better,
to shine light into the shadows.
Hallelujah!
Happy, Happy Easter.

by Joanna Fuchs
poemsource.com

Beka's Baptism

by Angie (Beka's mom)

For all of you Able to Serve friends, you know that sometimes Beka can be very quiet, unless she is talking about Carlton McDaniel or her latest Disney character. At home she talks quite a bit. She has always talked about God and Jesus with simple faith—"God and Jesus love me, and I love Them."

About a year ago Beka announced in the care that she had a "happy heart" because Jesus was in her heart. After I questioned her, she said she had asked Jesus into heart. As we talked, I realized with simple faith (that we all should have) she understood that Jesus loves her and He died on the cross for her sins and she needed Him in her heart.

Louie (Beka's dad) and I did not press Beka to be baptized right away because we wanted that decision to be hers also. In the past she had watched several of her friends, Damon and Noah, being baptized, and she did not ask any questions about it. Then in January this year, Damon's twin brothers were baptized. On the way home, Beka said, "I want to do that!" As we talked, we realized she knew that being baptized was letting everyone know she is a Christian.

What a wonderful night it was! Pastor Mick was delighted to baptize his special friend, Beka. She was so thrilled to have her Able to Serve friends and family come to witness this exciting event. As Beka says, "God and Jesus and praise the Lord!"

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*Jessica's Favorite Verse*

***I can do all things though Christ  
who strengthens me.***

*Philippians 4:13*  
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In Memory of Olivia

Our friend Olivia died on March 8. We wanted to honor her by reprinting a poem she wrote for the A2S Post last February.

Valentine's is all about LOVE,
You can give someone a nice, big hug.
They will not shrug for a nice hug.
People are all very happy,
They won't be sad or sappy!
LOVE is as strong as GOD!!!
LOVE is MUCH stronger than King Kong!!!
LOVE will and can NEVER be broken!!
LOVE IS FOREVER!!!!!!
HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!

Schedule Change

On Wednesday, April 17, please arrange to be at First Baptist by 9:00 a.m. instead of 10:30. We will be taking a field trip to a Special Olympics event to cheer on the athletes, including some of our Able to Serve friends. White Oak Baptist Church will provide transportation for us.

Bring a picnic lunch that does not need to be microwaved. Remember to wear sunscreen. We will return to First Baptist by 1:30 for our regular pick up time.

Gala Tickets

Able to Serve is purchasing tickets for each participant to attend our Gala on Friday, April 19. Family and friends can purchase tickets for \$10 each. Please let Carlton know by the bowl-a-thon how many extra tickets you need for family and friends.

The Gala begins at 6:30 p.m. Let Carlton or Gary know if you need a ride on the van.

Coming Up at Able to Serve

Saturday, April 13—Bowl-a-Thon

Friday, April 19—Gala

Wednesday, May 22—Able to Serve's 10th Anniversary