

Faith In Action

A new series profiling members and friends of SMCC

Adam Shwery

Adam Shwery's early foundational and formative memories of Christian faith are of Sunday School, especially in his favorite teacher, Tony Thacher's, class which incorporated much singing.

Adam, the son of Brett and Maria Shwery, and the older brother of Nolan, is in 9th grade at St. Francis High School. One of the times his faith was very important to Adam was when he was deciding where to go to high school, and because of St. Francis' reputation for respecting all faiths, Adam chose it, knowing he would be free to practice and live his faith there. He plays football and baseball, currently on both Freshman and J.V. baseball teams, playing short stop and 2nd base.



Adam's faith prompts him to cook and serve at Union Station, where he likes to talk with the residents and build relationships over his several times serving there. He enjoys this so much that he chooses to participate beyond required "community service hours". Adam is also a Boy Scout and within a year of becoming an Eagle Scout.

Adam is a member of the 2011 Confirmation Class, recently received into membership by Session. Here is his statement of faith:

I believe in God, maker of heaven and Earth. God made the heavens and everything underneath them. I believe he created all animals on land and creatures in the sea. He built the mountains and plains of the world. He filled the world with water. He provided sun and energy for the life he created. He provides the energy for us. I believe God is the creator of all.

I believe in God's power. He knows what will happen in our lives before we know. He knows every move and act we will ever perform. He has the power to guide us through life. He guides us safely. He gives us guidelines and signs that we may just take as daily things, but they are truly a sign from God. I sometimes feel like he is trying to tell me something. When I feel this, I'm usually stressed, and then something out of the norm happens that makes me realize that God is always with me.

I believe that prayer is the best thing you can do for yourself. I find that my prayers are sometimes answered quickly and sometimes they take a while. That is okay with me. Even if God has not answered my prayers directly, somewhere, somehow, he has given me what I need or a starting point to help reach what I prayed for or reach a goal that I have been trying to achieve.

I believe in Jesus Christ the son of God. I see him as the ultimate role model that we should all try to live by. He helps others and expresses what he believes in. As a young person, I try to help others through service. People make fun of me for scouting, but I believe it is the way I give back to the community and express character at its best. Jesus was God in flesh on Earth long ago, and I believe that people should try harder to act like him today. More people with good character would bring peace to the world.

I believe that the church is where God's word is displayed and taught. I attend church almost every Sunday. The church is a sanctuary where I feel I can go whenever I want to be comforted. It is always peaceful and the best place to go at any time. When I come out of church on Sunday, I feel refreshed. I feel like I have learned so much in such little time. It is the best way to start a week, that week is always a great one when I feel God is with me.

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