

Demarick & Beth Patton



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Praises and Prayer Requests:

- We have gotten the final legal approvals for City Beautiful Ballet so that we can remain operational as a ministry. Thank you for praying!
- Pray for the trip to DC next week, that everyone would be safe and experience Jesus. Pray that Beth would have an amazing experience leading her class.



Senior Prom: Caydence is second from the right.



Caydence (right) celebrated her 18th birthday dinner with her sisters (Sienna, left, and Raquel, middle) and extended family in mid-March. It was a great night!

Dear friends and family,

Our family had the privilege to serve at the 3rd Annual Chinese New Year Celebration in Orlando last month. A dear friend of ours started the event several years ago. She and her husband, who have families of Chinese origin, wanted to bring the celebration to Orlando and use it as an outreach to tell other about Jesus.

We helped find, mobilize, and coordinate volunteers for the all-day event that hosted 5000+ guests. I, Demarick, acted as the volunteer coordinator. Primarily, I worked with dozens of high school students throughout the event. I think I personally emptied 100 trash cans with the students.



Several people shared their testimony from the stage of how Jesus has changed their lives. Many volunteers from local churches were able to have spiritual conversations with guests at the event.

The Asian-American community in Orlando has historically been largely unnoticed. This celebration allowed the multitude of Asian ethnicities to have their businesses, churches, and traditions prominently showcased.

It was such a privilege for our family to be a part of such a significant event where Jesus was glorified and many nations that He will inherit (Ps. 2:8) were represented.

College decision update: Caydence will attend Auburn University in Auburn, AL this coming August as part of their Honors College program. She has declared Biochemistry as her major. We are extremely proud of her! As she had been praying in faith and asking Jesus where she should go to school, it became very clear to her (and to all of us) that Auburn was "the one." Thank you for praying for her and us in this decision.

We now wait in faith for scholarships to arrive! Caydence automatically received Auburn's highest academic merit scholarship, but we are waiting on others to bring the cost down even more. Please pray with us in this regard!

Next week, Beth is leading her 7th and 8th grade class through Washington, D.C. on their biannual trip to the Nation's Capital. The trip is even over her birthday this year. We are praying that God would give her the required energy, stamina, and leadership to be able to help these children experience God through on-site exploration of our nation's history for six non-stop days. Because Sienna is one of Beth's students this year, the trip is even more special, and both of them are looking forward to experiencing these days together.

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Recreating the painting of Watson and The Shark to be viewed at the National Gallery of Art in DC.

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