

The Briefing

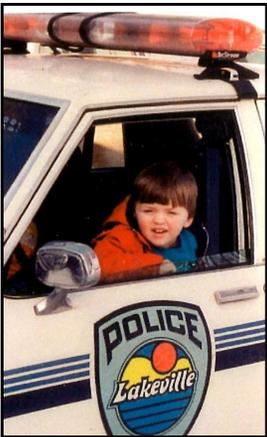
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The Inspiration of Example



Officer Bellows receiving his badge.



Josiah at age 3— ready for lights and sirens.

One of my most joyful moments in life occurred recently when I had the honor of pinning a badge on my son Josiah. He and 9 others were selected from several hundred applicants to be hired as Duluth Police Officers. As part of the swearing in ceremony, an introductory bio that Josiah had written was read by command staff. It said in part:

“Josiah’s first exposure to Law Enforcement was through his father who has been a police chaplain for 25 years. Josiah would like to thank his father Mark for inspiring him through his actions to strive to live a life of sacrifice and putting others first.”

The Chief of Police told me later that he had shared Josiah’s statement with a number of his officers while asking the question, “Will our kids say this about us?”

It is a convicting but also a potentially rewarding reality that our children model the example provided for them. “He’s a chip off the ol’ block,” the saying goes. It makes one grateful for grace because no one can echo the words of the apostle Paul without exception; “Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice.”

It is therefore with a great sense of humility and gratitude that I share this joyful moment with you. It is another reason that I’m thankful for being able to serve LPD as their chaplain.

Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me - put it into practice.
Philippians 4:9

Other notes from Chaplain Bellows

- **The Good News Big Band** will perform at Trinity Evangelical Free Church on March 1 from 7:00 - 8:30.



The very entertaining 18 piece band performs traditional big band swing, Latin style and other big band jazz charts. The evening is planned as a fund raising event for Lakeville Police Chaplaincy Services. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door.

- The continued work of LPCS is made possible by the financial gifts of others. LPCS is a 501c3 organization. Your tax deductible contribution can be mailed to 9623 162nd Street West, Lakeville MN 55044.

