

Goodmorning! My name is Evan Benbow. I am a senior at Troy High School, and I have been attending Christ Church for 18 years, which makes my attendance record 100% of my life. For these 18 years I have spent countless hours in and around this church, surrounded by church members, doing church related things. As you can tell, church has a big influence on my life. For as long as I can remember, I have been involved in some way in the church, whether it was being the saddest sheep in the Christmas pageant, the most forgetful gospel server, or the most sleep deprived member of the J2A. These involvements in the church come with a multitude of hours volunteered, mainly consisting of carrying things to and from cars. During these many hours of service, I think I've spent about two and $\frac{3}{4}$ of them being Jesus, which is probably more fun than it sounds believe it or not. Being a member of this church has provided me with many opportunities, such as being allowed the privilege to travel to Italy with my J2A class, where I gained lifelong memories of climbing up mountains, visiting churches that are centuries old, and walking around the streets of Rome singing the pina colada song. None of this would have been possible without the support from every one of the members of this congregation, not just during my J2A years, but throughout my entire life. I would not be where I am today if I didn't have a crowd of people who are always there to support me in my pursuit of the future, and I want to thank every single one of you for this. Speaking of the future, I will be attending Lyman Briggs college at Michigan State University this fall where I will study chemistry, and hopefully go on to form more memories that will last a lifetime.