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Newest Members (Buhler Family)



The Estes Family (Moving)



Peter Dann (All-Niter)



God is so good to us even in the midst of our coming short of His righteousness. I will try and share a few blessings we had this past month.

We had a wonderful family, that has been attending for over a year, that came forward and asked to join Harvest Baptist Church. Debbie and I were so excited. They have been baptised and their children were dedicated to the Lord. We knew they had been praying about joining for some time, so when they came forward it was a real blessing. It always seems like when any blessing comes the devil attacks. It was shortly after, that we were notified one of our church families was moving away. This of course was very hard for us as we are a small church and when a family of four moves it really hurts, especially when they have been with us for two and a half years and their daughter is our piano player. We will have to return to our synthesizer to play our hymns.

The teen All-Niter was well attended this year. In the past we had close to fifty teens coming from three different churches; this year we had well over seventy from the same three churches. We brought fifteen (nine guys and six girls). Several raised their hands to receive Christ. Please pray for Peter Dann as he has just started attending some of our youth activities. I have not had the opportunity to sit down, one on one, to share the Word with him. Presently he is only able to attend during the school holidays, which is once every two months. I was able to reach his brother for Christ earlier this year. Praise the Lord!

Zelda Campbell, the one with a brain tumor and is in a wheel chair, is not doing very well. Her legs and feet have been swelling so much that she is not able to wear anything but sandals with velcro. The doctors have found that the medication is causing her kidneys to slow down. They have started her on some different medication, but not sure if that is helping. She is also forgetting a lot of things, and her mind is definitely not as sharp as it was when we first met her. But praise the Lord, she has already been given two years more than the doctors said she would have. We are praying that she will be with us for years to come.

If you could please pray for Debbie's and my family. We have been notified that Debbie's dad has a cancerous tumor the size of a grapefruit in his lung. They are talking about operating, but it is very close to the pulmonary artery and will be risky. My dad has been unofficially diagnosed with TIA (transient ischemic attack). I understand it is like having mini strokes. These can lead to a major stroke if not addressed; further testing is scheduled. We should know more in the next few weeks, concerning both our fathers.

Thank you for your continual prayers and support. God bless you!
Guy, Debbie, Logan & Erin Bankston.



Praises

- Several teens raised their hands wanting to receive Christ as Savior
- Family of seven joined Harvest Baptist Church

Prayers

- Souls to be reached for Christ
- Church outreach activities – Men's Prayer Breakfast, Ladies Tea, Family Camp, Holiday Bible Program