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Tim Dann - Baptism



New Church Auditorium



New Church Crossing Upgrade



We are so thankful for all that God has done this past year, through your support and prayers:

- Nine have been saved, praise the Lord!
- Four baptized
- Two joined Harvest Baptist Church
- And we have acquired our own church property & building (no more setting up and tearing down, Amen!)



We pray that God opens the doors and hearts to many more souls this coming year.

We have been truly blessed by God to be able to have, after only being here a little over five and a half years, our own church property and building. He opened up this opportunity for us to get the property right on the main street where thousands of people pass by for business and day to day personal needs. We had visitors for our first two services, and we have heard from so many that they have seen our church building when they pass by. What a difference from where we were before; where after four years people were still not aware of Harvest Baptist Church. We continue to hand out tracts (ten thousand plus this past year), as well as witness, but this new location has brought us more visitors than all the flyers this past year did.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support in helping us get into the new property. We spent two weeks weeding, repairing, spackling, painting, remodeling, carpeting, and cleaning to get ready for our first service. Some of us were up until midnight many of the nights. City Council required that our crossing be upgraded to commercial grade, which we have done. We have several more projects that need to be done this coming year, such as: fencing (required), paving (required), residing, remodeling, sound compliant windows (required), landscaping (required), and an alarm system. A few of these require us to deal with City Council, so we would really appreciate your prayers. The other projects we are now saving for.

The last Sunday in December we baptized two in a near-by river. Praise the Lord it is Summer here, and the water was not too cold. We had been praying that Tim would follow through with Believer's Baptism for over two years. Several Sundays ago he came forward with tears in his eyes. I asked him what he had come forward for and he said that he wanted to get baptized as God commanded him to. I have seen so much spiritual growth in this young man over the past two years. He used to come once in a while to church; but now he never misses a single service. Amen!

Thank you for your prayers, and sacrificial giving this past year.

God Bless, your missionaries, Guy, Debbie, Logan, & Erin Bankston

Praises

- Nine saved, four baptized, two new members and our own church property
- Spiritual and physical growth in our people

Prayers

- Souls to be saved along with continual physical and spiritual growth
- Wisdom in leading the church, and numerous church projects
- Healing for Zelda Campbell and continual health and strength for our family