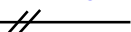


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Logan & I at WCBC

Tim Dann



Young Men's Retreat



Youth Group



Young Lady That Received Christ



Praises

- 9 Saved - Funds raised for church projects - Spiritual growth in youth

Prayers

- Souls to be saved - Youth group - Zelda - Logan - Finances for Church projects (Parking Lot & New Siding)

Well, we were four, but now we are three. Logan has relocated to West Coast Baptist College in Lancaster, CA. He is majoring in Church Ministries and minoring in Youth. He is very busy with eight classes, choir, soccer, assistant Sunday School teacher, and Parks outreach. Please pray for Logan and his studies, as well as our family as we adjust to this big change in our lives.



Logan left us with a big hole that needed to be filled, at church. We serve an awesome God, who has led a young man, Tim Dann, to step in and take over many of the things Logan was doing. Tim now runs the sound system, helps with the youth group, teaches in the Youth Sunday School class and gives neck rides to the little kids in the church. Tim has been such a blessing, and he has grown heaps in the past year. I am praying that God redirects him into full-time ministry. Unfortunately Tim has Crohns and is easily fatigued. God will have to miraculously intervene if he is to have the strength to keep going. Please pray for Tim.

Speaking of our youth group, we thought after Logan left it would fall off, but it has done just the opposite. We have increase from ten to now having fourteen. We are working on giving them a firm foundation in Christ. I have been focusing on giving them biblical weapons they will need concerning the battles they are, or will have to face in the near future. Some of the youth are coming from other churches, many of which have worldly youth groups. They and their parents have asked if they can join ours. This is a great opportunity for us to teach them principals that they can take back to their families and youth in their churches. Some of them do not know the Lord, so please pray for them, as well as us, as we try to help them come out of the world and to Christ. This past week one fell into sin and needs our prayers.

Zelda (the one with a brain tumor) has been doing pretty well, but needs your prayers. She has been suffering from cataracts and vision loss in both eyes, as well as being very sick due to an over active parathyroid. Just last month she had surgery to replace her left cataract infested lens, and now she sees great out of that eye. She will be going in this week to get her right eye lens replaced. She is presently on a six month waiting list to have her parathyroid removed.

We just finished our annual Young Men's Retreat, with several other churches, where eight young men received Christ. Salvation is always intergrated into all that we do, however our focus was helping them put on the full armor of God to fight against the devils fiery darts, ie., drugs, alcohol, pronography, and sex before marriage. Twenty-eight out of the thirty-seven were involved with pornography already. Please pray for them.

While I was home getting Logan situated at college, I was blessed to meet up with a young lady that my parents helped raise, along with us three boys, for several years while I was in high school. She was raised religious, but never knew if she died if she would be accepted by God. I shared the truth from God's Word, and she realized that she had never accepted Jesus as payment for her sins, she had never prayed and asked God to forgive her, and ask Jeus to be Lord of her life. She prayed with me, before I left, to receive Christ as Savior.

Please pray as we continue to try and save and raise the money needed to get our parking lot in by this time next year. We presently are \$15k short for the parking lot and \$20k short for residing the building. Thank you for giving so we can be here to make a difference. God bless! Your missionaries in New Zealand, Guy, Debbie, and Erin Bankston