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Family Camp



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Erin & Friends

Debbie & I



Logan



January and February have been very trying, but God has enabled us to persevere.

We have experienced numerous technology faults: our desktop computer died, our laptop CD drive stopped working, our church sound system shorted out, my cellphone broke, to just name a few. God is good and has provided for most of the repairs; praise His name.

Being in our new building has been such a blessing. The new location puts us right on Main Street, which passes through the middle of town. As you can imagine, the visibility is awesome. We have had many visitors, none of which have stayed (very sad). Most just want to be entertained, as well as check a box that they have been obedient to be in church. There is one gentleman, who has a slight mental handicap, that keeps coming back (mainly for money). The unique thing about this gentleman is that he is willing to work around the church to earn the money. He has been our gardner for the past several months. He believes that if he is a good man he will be accepted by God. He will not accept that it is by Jesus Christ alone that we can be saved. He really enjoys talking about God, so please pray that God opens his understanding to His Holy Word.

In January we had an awesome family camp with several other churches. Including our family, there were eleven from our church that went. They really enjoyed it and have seen the spiritual benefits. To the left are a few pictures of the camp. There were two from one of the other churches that received Christ as Lord and Savior. I was able to preach the New Years Eve service. I was long winded and preached right through the count down.

It is very sad, but one of our families has chosen to leave Harvest Baptist Church. They have decided that they cannot believe what God's word says about a great number of things. People want to believe what they want, and they make a god that will fit their desires. No matter how much time I spend with them they will not believe that God really means what He says. Isaiah 55:8-9 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. Numbers 23:19 says, "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" Even though this family is leaving, God has blessed us with a single mom and her son who joined the church, and another couple who desires to join the church. Please continue to pray that God gives me wisdom in teaching and proclaiming His Word.

Thank you for your prayers, and sacrificial giving.

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

Praises

- God's Provisions • Souls receiving Christ • Families joining the church
- Spiritual and physical growth in our people

Prayers

- Souls to be saved • Wisdom in leading the church & proclaiming the Word
- Healing for Zelda Campbell • Health and strength for our family • Church projects (Landscaping, Parking Lot & Siding)

