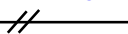


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Tim Dann Surrenders To Full-Time Service



Ruth Richardson Baptised & New Member



Leah, Tayah, & Maata, New Members



Praises

- 1 Baptism ● Funds raised for parking lot
- 1 Surrender to full-time ministry
- 4 New Church Members

Prayers

- Souls to be saved ● Money for parking lot ● Zelda's Surgery ● My Dad (cancer)
- Logan (College) ● Children's Program

Another year has come and gone and it has been an amazing year for us. Here is a list of all that God has blessed us with this past year:

- 30 Received Christ as their Savior
- 5 Baptised
- 9 New Members
- Built fences and planted gardens at church
- Painted interior of church
- Installed heat pump
- One sent to Bible College (Logan)
- One surrendered to serve God full-time



Logan has done well at West Coast Baptist College this past semester. He is looking forward to starting his next semester with a full load of classes. During the Winter break, God blessed him with a job at a ski resort in Oregon. He has many benefits that suited him, like a free season pass, free beverages, and free lunches. He stayed at his grandparents house and will be heading back for college on the 23rd of January. Please keep him in prayer for this next semester.

On a sad note, my dad (Luin Bankston) was found to have pancreatic cancer in December. He underwent what is called the Whipple surgery, where they removed his gallbladder, 8" of his small intestines, part of his pancreas, and some of his bile ducts. If after six weeks the pancreas is not enlarged, they will begin chemo and then radiation. If they got all the cancer, then his outlook is good with this treatment; if not, then they will relook at what they can do, and what his outlook will be. Please keep him and my mom in prayer.

We are still seeing families relocate out of our church, and others relocate to our church. This has made it very hard to do any type of children's program. We have been praying about it, and with God's help we are planning to start our first weekly program designed to reach the children in the community this coming February. We presently have nine of us signed up and two others that have said they would help if we need them. Please pray that we have a good showing in February, and God blesses.

If you remember, in our last prayer letter I mentioned that Tim Dann was growing mightily in the Lord, and had a real servant's heart. I could see that God was working on his heart to serve Him, and I have been praying to that end. Well, at a preaching conference that lasted three days, God worked on his heart, and he went forward to surrender his life to serve God full-time. I had not told him that I had been praying that this would happen. I believe he will begin some schooling this coming February or March via correspondence, while he continues to serve at our church. Please pray for him as he does have some health problems.

Our youth group continues to grow; we are presently running around twenty-three (including three adults). Only six youth go to our church; the others come from other churches, or do not go to church at all. We count it a great blessing that God is using us to be a witness to them.

Zelda's cataract surgery was very successful and she now sees without glasses. She is still on a list for her para-thyroid surgery and also a knee replacement. Through Zelda, one of her caregivers, Ruth, began coming to our church and just recently was baptised and joined the church.

Please pray that we will have the money for our parking lot by October; we are \$14k short and \$20k short for residing the building. Thank you for your prayer support, and giving. God bless! Guy, Debbie, and Erin Bankston