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Zelda Campbell (With The Lord)



Bible Revival



Praises

- 6 going through Discipleship course
- Canvassing Palmerston North with gospel tracks
- Four students in the NZBBTP
- New family attending

Prayers

- Souls to be saved
- Physical and Spiritual Church growth
- Outreach
- Brittany's Permanent Residence
- A national to be called by God to train for this work
- October 12th – 10 Year Anniversary Service for our church

We praise the Lord continually for His faithfulness. We have been passing out literature on our church with the Gospel message on it, and we have seen a family of four start attending our services. Praise the Lord!

On July 25th, our dear friend, and church member, Zelda Campbell was called home to be with her Lord and Saviour. Zelda had been with us for 9 years and was a blessing to everyone in the church. She spent the last 7 years in a wheel chair and had to be bathed and dressed each morning by caregivers, but that did not stop her from attending every service and event that the church had. She was a true testimony of how we should always put Christ first in our lives. She is greatly missed by all. Her funeral was attended by many of her friends and her family that had been estranged from her. The Gospel was given and one of the nephews spoke to Guy afterwards and said he would like to come to our church. Please pray that he does.



We are continuing each week to disciple several in our church. Two of those being discipled are in the military, so we try to work around their schedules. Please pray for Cody who will be gone for the next month in Ranger Training. Pray he will be a good witness. Cody has really grown and is now witnessing to complete strangers on the street, and at work.

Debbie has been busy with her weekly Ladies Bible Studies. The women are studying the Women of the Bible during this time. She also teaches a study on “Making Choices”, each month at the Ladies Fellowship night. The women love getting into God’s Word and we have seen great growth spiritually. Claire, one of the ladies, has been witnessing to mothers at her girl’s school, and she and her husband have been bringing more children to Sunday School, along with their girls. Debbie also spoke at the Ladies Retreat again this year. She spoke on “Choosing To Glorify God In All Things”. She was able to bring five ladies with her to the retreat, and was put in charge of making and serving the Friday night dinner. Her team, that included a chef, did a great job and the ladies enjoyed the meal that was served.

The Annual Bible Revival at a sister church was held in August. Most of our church people attended even though it is a 4 hour drive. We heard great preaching and were challenged by God’s Word. Each year they have a Bible challenge amongst the many churches attending. Our church, Harvest Baptist Church, won the trophy again for the third straight year. We have been encouraging our people to read the Bible by inserting a daily Bible reading in our bulletin and also having Bible Trivia challenges on our last Sunday of the month luncheon. We are seeing great spiritual growth from this.

The Women of Virtue program, that Brittany is leading, is going great. We are seeing girls travelling 4 hours away to attend. We are seeing great growth and we are seeing great changes in the ladies. After attending the session on modesty, one of our young ladies went through and cleaned out her wardrobe of any clothes that were too low or tight. She is being a real witness to her family and unsaved friends.

Please pray for our 10 Year Anniversary service on October 12th. Our people have been handing out invitations, and we are praying for a good attendance. We will have a special speaker and special music. It is so exciting to be able to celebrate this wonderful milestone of Harvest Baptist Church. You all have had a big part in the growing up of this church.

Thank you for your prayers and support. May God richly bless you for your sacrificial giving to this ministry. God bless, your missionaries in New Zealand: Guy, Debbie, & Erin Bankston