

Marc & Nancy Blackwell

August 2022

Paardeberg Mountain Retreat – Winter youth camps were held in June and July (*we're in the Southern Hemisphere*). These were the first youth camps in a couple of years and what a turnout! Marc was the main speaker at the first camp, and we are thrilled that a teen girl accepted Christ after hearing a message about true faith from the book of James. There were more salvation decisions at the camps that followed, and many young people were encouraged in their walk with God. It was special to see the camp counselors and staff serving the Lord so sacrificially – many had been campers in previous years! Alex and Nicole planned and ran the camps this year, and their goal is to return fulltime in May 2023. They also ran a Young Adults Retreat, and a Ladies Tea – both of which were such a blessing to everyone who attended.

Swartland Baptiste and Grace Baptist – A current concern on our hearts, are some individuals and families that are not attending regularly. Please pray that they would become convicted of their need to be in church. On the other hand, we are greatly encouraged that a number of people have taken responsibility for various church ministries. Andre preaches and leads Bible studies when we are gone. Gerbrandt and his three teenage children now completely run the music ministry. At Grace Baptist, Godwin has also brought a couple of messages. Denzel and Junior have just started to help with the music, and Lethabé teaches Sunday School. It is good to see all these roles fulfilled, and it is awesome that people are serving!

House of Stone Ministry – Since our last prayer letter, we've made a second and third ministry to Zimbabwe. During the second trip, Marc was joined by a US pastor and held a mini seminar on the importance of the Bible as the completed revelation of God. Throughout the teaching, various discussions with the students were launched about false apostles and prophets in Zimbabwe and also the ancestor worship that is fully integrated in African thinking. The seminar was well received, and the discussions were so helpful to the men as they found biblical answers to combat the false teachings, so prevalent around them. Each of the Bible students was provided with a mini-tablet to facilitate our current long-distance curriculum. Then Marc visited each man's homestead to provide a solar panel and battery box to power their studies.

For our third trip, we were joined by Sam, Mary and Malia, three college students from the US. At The Rock Baptist Church Chidzekwe Baptist Church, we held children and youth outreaches with Mary and Malia sharing the teaching and games responsibilities. Sam preached on two Sundays and had an opportunity to share the gospel in depth during one of our outreach visits to various homes. A key event during this trip was a 3-day conference for the 7 pastoral students and their wives.

Full letters are available at the missionary table.

OUR COUNTRY AND WORLD AFFAIRS: Remember to pray for our country and our government leaders. Pray that people's hearts would be turned to God, and that His Word would be taught in our churches. Remember also those who are suffering for their faith.

MILITARY: Remember to pray for God's guidance and safety for our military personnel: **David Casement, Brendun Deer, Aaron Good, Adam Good, Zack Hanson, Joshua P. Harold, Stephen Harold, Jarrod Harris, Justin Ivan, Zachary Ivan, Scott McKinney, Brendan Patrick, Eian Patrick, Lia Staats, Liam Thisse, and Alex Wallace.**

Year-to-date Budget \$525,999 / Year-to-date Giving \$533,418



EVANGEL
BAPTIST CHURCH

Evangel @ Prayer

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PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Praise the Lord! **Jim Storey** is still able to continue preaching and teaching in his retirement in Missouri. Praise Him also that **Becky** is able to take on more of the responsibilities caring for their home. They are both under doctor's care and need to make changes in their diet and exercise habits. Pray that they will be able to travel to Florida soon to visit family and a former supporting church.
- **Rick** (Roger Standifer's bother) is in the hospital. He was recently diagnosed with Diverticulitis and colon cancer. They do not know the staging yet and would appreciate your prayers.
- Pray for **Henry and Barb Thimmes**. Henry fractured his shoulder and has been in some pain. Barb has rheumatoid arthritis and sometimes needs an extra hand with tasks. Please for pain relief for both of them and that they are able to get any extra help they may need around the house.
- **Krista Bonesteel** had a biopsy done yesterday and will have a consultation appointment at U of M on Friday. She will see her oncologist next Wednesday. Pray that the results of the biopsy would be good and that there would be clear direction for the next course of treatment. Pray also for energy and for the tightness in her back and hips to be released.
- **Dee** (Jean Lowrance's mother) has the results of her biopsy which show that she has Smoldering Multiple Myeloma, a blood plasma cancer. She had a PET scan yesterday and is waiting to discuss the results and treatment options with her doctor. Pray for peace and wisdom from the Lord and relief from the dizziness she has been experiencing.
- **Bea Moore** recently found out that she had colon cancer. All the cancer was removed successfully in the surgery, but she will still be taking some chemo treatments in pill form to kill any cancer cells that may be remaining. Please pray any future treatments she will have and for her recovery after the surgery.
- **Janet Edmonds** is back home from the hospital. Please pray that her doctors would have wisdom to determine any future care she may need.
- **Sandy Adams** had an appendectomy recently and was cleared to go on her trip. Continue to pray for her recovery and that the lingering cough from the trach during surgery will go away.
- The appeal for **Sue Lodico's** visa paperwork was accepted by the South African government. Continue to pray that it is approved so that she can return.
- Continue to pray for **Smith Parks** (Will & Katie's newborn son) with his diagnosis of Aortic Stenosis. He had a heart cath done recently to expand his aortic valve. Praise the Lord there were no complications and that he has been able to go home.
- Continue to pray for **Wayne Adams** as he goes to follow up appointments to make sure everything is still healing and had an appointment to be fitted for his other Crow boot which should help his torn ligament. Pray that he would gain strength and have no more complications.

- Pray for our Senior Saints: **Nicki Pappas, Joan Piccoli, Shirley Russell**
- Pray for our Young Adults: **Jason Jr., Isaac, and Lilly Hamilton, Blake Hardrick**

CHURCH MINISTRIES

Evangel Worship Team
Office Staff & Custodians

Abundant Life ABF – Gary McGuire, Teacher
Bereans ABF – Scott Lowrance, Teacher

Cinda Scully – Sunday School Superintendent
Nick Scully – Awana Commander

Tony Staats – Administrative / Finance Deacon
Bob Thayer – Administrative / Finance Deacon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

On Sunday, November 20th, we will celebrate Communion immediately after our morning worship service. Please plan to fellowship with the church family as we reflect upon the love of Jesus.

THANKSGIVING PIE & PRAISE

Join us on Tuesday, November 22nd at 7:00 pm as we come together to thank the Lord for His many provisions for us. Then stick around for some great pie and fellowship. Ladies, please bring your family's favorite pie to share! There will be no Wednesday evening activities.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Shoe boxes are due THIS Sunday, November 20th, before the morning service. They will then be transported to a collection site. Make sure to include your form and \$10.00 donation for shipping! Questions? Call Debbie Mulcrone (313-671-6589).

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Now is the time to begin inviting folks to our Family Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 11th at 6:00pm. We'll feature a preschool video, K-6th choir, teen/adult choir, and a variety of musical instruments! Our Invite Cards are available to use and will take them to our website which will have a Christmas video up soon.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

11/19 – Ali Kitley, Joe Miller 11/20 – Barry Bradshaw

11/20 – Mike & Bonnie Vargo 11/21 – Gary & Elaine Haynes
11/24 – Tyler & Chrissy Daniels