



# OGALLALA BAPTIST CHURCH

October, 2023

We continue to move steadily along, appreciating all the Lord is doing. This month we have been blessed to see people respond during invitations, as God works in their lives. There has also been an opportunity to minister to folks regarding personal areas of their lives. It is a comforting fact to know that my wife and I don't have to come up with the right answers, but the Word of God is authoritative and sufficient to provide the answers to questions and problems. As we see small and large changes in the lives God has brought to Ogallala Baptist Church, we ask that you continue to pray that God give us wisdom and discernment so that we might lovingly and rightly minister.

We have been encouraged by the attendance of our afternoon services. The very first Sunday we had a potluck at our home between the morning and afternoon services and had 12 in attendance for the afternoon (we had 14 in the morning service). Since then, we have averaged 10 for our afternoon service time. Everyone in attendance travels at least 45 minutes away. We're thankful to see the desire of the people to be in church. The afternoon services make Sundays long, especially for the children, but we are thankful for God's goodness and grace. We pray that attendance will continue, and even increase, as we come into the winter months. We are the only church with any kind of service on Sunday afternoon/evening and the only church with an adult service mid-week; our goal is to provide as much opportunity for people to hear God's Word as possible.

A new family, the Way family, attended services at the end of September. They have joined us for several services in October. When they attend, they join us for all our Sunday services. They live near a small town, Chappell, about an hour west of Ogallala. They were attending a Baptist church about an hour west of them, but when that church made a number of changes (most notably a change away from the KJB) they knew it was time to search for the next place God would have them. This family of four, Jim, Kathy and their teenage granddaughters, have displayed kind and sweet spirits and a genuine desire to be in God's house. We pray that God would make it clear where He would have them attend church, and we will excitedly welcome them, if He leads them to join us.

As we look toward November, we are looking forward to our annual chili lunch the Sunday before Thanksgiving. In years past, we have been blessed with good attendance at church and at our home for the potluck. We fully expect God to continue to bless and have a good number in attendance this year as well.

On November 15 we will have the Parker family, missionaries to Japan, joining us. We are excited to be able to invite a missionary family to present for the first time at Ogallala Baptist Church. The Parker family will present in both the children's service and the adult service on that Wednesday. The people are looking forward to having them here and our prayer is that God would lead us to support them in the work to which He has called them.

## Prayer Requests

- Sunday Afternoon Services
- The response to the Parker family
- Wisdom in counseling
- Our attendance of the Mission's Conference at our sending church, Bible Baptist Church

Regards,

