



OGALLALA BAPTIST CHURCH

November, 2023

We are thankful to see the Lord continue to show His faithfulness. Through November, we saw faithful attendance in all our services. The one exception being the last Sunday; where sickness precluded at least 6 from joining us on Sunday; however, Ric and Dawn were still in service, along with a family that we had not seen in over a year. Our prayer is that everyone will stay healthy and that the winter this year isn't as harsh as the one last year.

We continued to have opportunities to counsel. We are thankful for your prayers for wisdom and discernment on our behalf. It has been a blessing to see God work and trust that He will continue to do so in the lives of these special people. We have to remind ourselves of the same thing we remind those we counsel, some things can be resolved quickly, and others may never be completely solved this side of heaven. We committed to investing the rest of our lives to see God work in all the people God brings our way. It is a special opportunity we cherish and want to give our very best.

This month we held two potlucks at our home. The first was the typical potluck we hold at the first of the month. The second was our annual chili potluck the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Both were well attended and as always, a great time of fellowship. I pray that it never ceases to be a blessing to see people at fellowships opening up to one another. Being able to witness the trust and friendship grow between members has been fantastic.

We enjoyed the time we had with the Parker family, missionaries to Japan. We were able to have them share their burden for Japan in our Wednesday services. The children were engaged and asked good questions and the adults seemed to form a connection with them quickly. The Sunday after the Parkers were in Ogallala, Ric was praying for the offering and specifically mentioned them. Though it was just a few words, the fact that they were still on his heart speaks to the impact that was made while the Parkers were here. We will discuss the matter of supporting the Parker family at our business meeting in December. Knowing personally the impact of being financially and prayerfully supported, I look forward to Ogallala Baptist Church sharing in the blessing of supporting God's work in another part of the world.

We are working with the children on a skit as part of our Christmas program on December 17. We already have one parent commit to joining us that doesn't normally attend Sundays. We pray that we can see others make the effort to be with us on that day. We will put forth even more effort to connect with those families that have not attended in months.

As we move into December I look forward to our business meeting and being able to discuss some of the plans for 2024. There is a lot I believe we can see accomplished and even more ways we, as a church, can make our presence known in the community. My prayer is that the vision for 2024 and the years beyond can be clearly communicated and be enthusiastically received. We know God will grow Ogallala Baptist Church in His time, but I also know that we have the opportunity to take part in productive efforts to see that happen.

Prayer Requests

- Reconnecting with those who have not attended in several months.
- Wisdom in counseling.
- Our upcoming business meeting.

Regards,

