

July 31, 2024

Dear Supporting Churches and Praying Friends,

Acts 2:47 gives us important teaching about the early church: *“And the Lord added to them daily such as should be saved.”* When baptized believers were added to the church, it was the Lord who did it. As a result, He gets all the glory.

**Salvation**—In the last prayer letter I mentioned Robyn, who is the sister of Cindy, one of our members. For several months Cathy and Cindy took Robyn through a salvation Bible study, which they finished the end of June. Robyn was contemplating. Then we went out of town for a couple of weeks. When we came back, after the Sunday morning service, Cathy walked up to Robyn, who immediately said, “I need to get saved. I need to get saved now.” They went to the side room and Cathy reviewed the gospel, to which Robyn completely agreed. She bowed her head and asked the Lord to save her. What a blessing! Robyn has continued attending services and responding to the preaching. We look forward to her baptism. Thank you for your prayers.

**Travel**—The last few months have been filled with travel. I had the privilege of preaching for the high school graduation ceremony at Empire Baptist Tempe in Sioux Falls, SD. Having served as Christian school principal for 24 years, I loved seeing the culmination of the years of dedication by students, parents, and so many other church members. I also had the privilege to teach a module on hermeneutics in their Bible college.

In mid-June our family traveled to Shelburne, Ontario to spend a week with Headwaters Baptist Church, a church-plant work under the ministry of our home church, Bethel Baptist Church. We held services Sunday through Wednesday and had a great time of fellowship with the folks. Kaedon, one of the young men there who received Christ in December, was baptized and added to the membership.

From Canada we flew to Salt Lake City and spent a week with Pastor Nolan Ruby and his family and Wasatch Front Baptist Church for their anniversary services. We loved getting to know the Ruby family and the folks at the church. What a blessing to see how the Lord is working through His church in the Valley. We praise the Lord for decisions made during the week.

On July 19, Katrina Stager (Pastor and Mrs. Stager’s daughter) married Joe Watkins at Bethel Baptist Church in El Sobrante. It was a beautiful and sweet ceremony of two godly young people. Joe is from Mid-Coast Baptist Church in Brunswick, ME. The two met at Mid-Coast’s preaching conference in April of 2023.

Presently, I am writing from Family Camp in Huntsville, UT. This is the third year our home church has sponsored family camp. In addition to our own family, seven members from Medford joined us. We thank the Lord for the fellowship.

**Physical Need**—We received word yesterday that my mother-in-law had a stroke. The hospital is running tests to determine the details, so there is a lot that we still don’t know. Francie has been saved since a young adult and has faithfully served Christ. Please pray for God’s grace and comfort and for wisdom and clarity in how to care for her moving forward.

May the Lord strengthen you and bless you as you serve Him.

Sincerely,

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