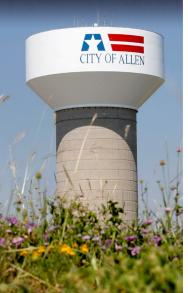
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Greetings in the lovely name of Jesus! Our church theme "Let Us Believe in 2023" has no doubt, been put to the test already throughout this first quarter of the year. We are of the firm conviction, that BELIEF AFFECTS BEHAVIOR! If we say that we believe God is in control of our lives, then certainly we must behave in a way that reflects that very belief. In other words, if God allows unforeseen trouble and contrary winds to blow upon your lives and even the ministry, then surely our belief that He is in control should cause our behavior to be such as continued faithfulness and total obedience to God! I will not be so arrogant as to dogmatically say that The Leake family has been the example of unwavering faith and unquestionable obedience, but let me say that it is our utmost humble desire to be such!

I would love to report to you that our church plant is thriving and exploding with fervor and rapid growth, however that would not be truthful. We do believe that in God's own perfect time that day WILL come! We are in the "Harvest Field" but we are not in the "Harvest Season" yet. While we are currently in the stage of "Plowing, Planting, and Pouring Water" we are still doing so with great excitement and anticipation that God will give the increase! We continue to see many visitors on a regular basis, and countless people have received the Gospel message as a result of Harvest Baptist Church in Allen, TX!

Let me briefly try to summarize this past couple of months with some very high praise to God, for his unseen hand of protection and provision! First of all, PRAISE GOD that on Feb. 13th Hannah was able to have her MALS surgery in Houston, TX! That was a very serious and brutal couple of weeks, but she is now MALS-Free and eating after nearly 2 long years! The recovery period is at least 6 months and possibly up to a full year for MALS open release surgery. Also, due to the length of time that Hannah has been sick and neglected, there are several other issues that have manifested themselves. The issue that is most pressing right now has to do with her Kidneys. There is much going on, but we PRAISE GOD that we now have a very clear path forward to the total and complete healing for our baby girl. Another HUGE Praise, is that the day after I brought my wife and Hannah home from Houston, as myself and our 3 other children were heading to church we involved in a major vehicle accident. We were driving 60mph down a 2-lane highway when the other driver ran a stop sign at around 80mph and crashed into our vehicle. Although, we were banged up pretty bad, we PRAISE GOD that we did not lose our lives that night! Lastly, I was able to have my surgery on Monday Feb. 27th. There were a few serious moments of complications which nearly ended up taking my life, I PRAISE GOD that he touched my life once more and brought me safely to the other side! I've included a page of pictures for you to see. We just want you to know how thankful we are for your love, prayers, and support! Thank You!

> In Christ, The Leake Family Mt. 9:38