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HARVEST BAPTIST CHURCH

Greetings from Allen, TX! The work of planting the Harvest Baptist Church here, continues to go forward in spite of the various difficulties and challenges we face. During the past 2 months, we have seen a few new visitors that have expressed interest in the services and they have said they plan to attend our church regularly. One of the couples that have attended pretty regular (Alan & Janie) are slowly becoming our next shut-ins due to various health complications. We are currently running between 8-12 people consistently, aside from new visitors that come by.

HOME

Life in our home has never been dull or lacking for busyness to say the least. In addition to our already full schedule, we have added several new aspects to our home life. One thing that has really taken a great deal of time and love, is that of handling the affairs of my newly widowed mother-in-law Barbara. This new chapter in our lives, has proven very challenging, yet at the same time it has been very rewarding knowing that we are simply ministering to a whole new group of people in many avenues. We have always desired that our home would serve as a lighthouse to all who pass through our lives, in any capacity! In relation to Hannah and her ongoing health battle, Lord willing she'll have a colorectal surgery in early October.

HEARTACHES

To pretend that there are not some heartaches along this journey, would be unrealistic for any child of God; and the same is true for us. Over the past few weeks we lost 2 precious people to the grave. Dr. Dave Sherman, was faithful to attend the services from the 2nd week of our plant. Bro. Sherman, had a few strokes that made him a shut-in over the past year and half. He passed away from the complications recently. My father-in-law (Don Hicks) passed away due to some careless healthcare workers, that refused to rescue him from choking to death. God allowed me with much grace to preach a very clear gospel message for the funeral titled "A Will to Choose, Choosing Your Final Destination!" Of the various heartaches we have experienced, the saddest 2 have to be the murder-suicides of 2 different unrelated families in Allen. Over the past couple of days 7 precious souls went into eternity most likely without Christ! Allen, TX needs Jesus!

HOPE

Our hope is in the LORD! He alone is worthy of our trust and praise! We know that there is hope beyond the grave, and there is hope just beyond the clouds (Titus 2:13) Our hope is that God will build a church, as he continues to build our family through much affliction. Thank you for your love, prayers, and support; it truly does give us hope! (Prov. 13:12)

In Christ,
The Leake Family
Mt.9:38