

2023 — 4rd Quarter Prayer Letter

Greetings in the name of our lovely Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ!

We would like to start by saying Happy New Year! What a great opportunity God has given, another opportunity to serve the KING of kings and LORD of lords, and may we do so with greater zeal and more fervency in this year of our Lord, 2024.

It truly is a pleasure to serve our Saviour with each and every one of you... our faithful supporters, our prayer warriors. It is an honor to serve Christ in Montana as your partner and we would like to thank you for all your help, all your love, all your prayers, and for all the kindness you have extended to our family. Thank you all for the special love gifts

during the Christmas season, it really is a great blessing every year and a great help!

We did receive one of the most precious gifts this Christmas in the form of some exciting news. Jennifer and I will be adding a new title to our position in life... Nana and Papaw! Lord willing, Levi and Kenzie will be introducing our newest addition to the family on (or somewhere around) August 19, 2024. Praise the Lord for His goodness and blessings that abound!

We are excited not only for what God is doing in our personal lives, but what He is doing in the Church as well. Recently, I had my first ever case of gout, which decided to take up residence in my knee. The flare-up was at its worst on the weekend and needless to say, I was barely able to get out of bed, let alone to Church. Given that this came on pretty suddenly, I was left with very little time to find someone to fill in for me. I was able to find a man of God that could preach the morning worship service, but he was unable to make it for Sunday School. I instructed one of our men, Bro. Gay to take some prayer requests, have a time of prayer, and then fellowship with each other for the remainder of the Sunday School time. Bro. Gay was doing just that when another one of our faithful men, Bro. Wes came in running just a few minutes late. Brother Gay jokingly mentioned Bro. Wes coming up and giving a devotion. Well, Bro. Wes grabbed his Bible and stepped up and gave a devotion as he had one prepared.

This may sound almost like a common procedure, but to know the entire situation is to know just how much of a blessing this was. Bro. Wes is quite literally one of the hardest working men I know, a good husband/father to his family, and still a relatively young Christian but is growing and has great potential. I have been working with Bro. Wes and prompted him to give a devotion a few times during our mid-week services, but I really would not have expected for him to be prepared when he had no idea that I was not even going to be there on that day. This is such an answer to prayer and we praise God for His faithfulness and for a few good men.

Lastly, I would like to sincerely ask for your prayers for Jennifer's health. She has been diagnosed with fibromyalgia; however, the doctor believes there may be something else either in addition to or instead of fibromyalgia. Whatever it is, it is taking a toll on her and the family. Please help us pray for the correct diagnosis and treatment.

With the Love of Christ,

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