

The Howard Family

Rickey • April • Cash • Carter



Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

March 2024

Philippians 4:4 "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice."

My heart is broken as I have had two families recently contact me about the need for a solid, Bible believing church where they live in Mesquite, NV. We have so much to be thankful for! Especially those of us who have always had the Gospel readily available to us our entire lives. We make it very easy to find things to complain about, but it would always do us well to remember that we have much more to rejoice about. There are many in our own country who do not have the blessings that many of us have always known. Let's remember to REJOICE in the Lord always.... but also to pray for those who do not know the joy of the Lord.

What's Happened:

During the last week of January, we celebrated our ONE YEAR anniversary as Solid Rock Baptist Church. We also held our first revival meeting that week, and my pastor came out to preach for us. The Lord worked greatly during that meeting! Many of our regular attendees were encouraged and challenged. But the greatest blessing of that week was when a lady that we have been praying for since we arrived in St. George called on the Lord to save her! Another lady, who we have been in prayer for, recently asked the Lord to save her as well. It seems that the plowing, planting, and watering of the past year is beginning to yield fruit. On the last Sunday of February, we had our first baptism service. I had the privilege of baptizing 4 members of a faithful family: the dad, mom, one son, and a daughter. It has been such a blessing to see this family come to Christ, one by one. Immediately following the revival meeting, we began going through the statement of faith and bylaws that we will charter the church under. This too has served as a great time of growth for our people.

I was able to pick up the church van that was donated to us and get it to Utah. We were able to get the van lettered, and it looks great! The people of the church have nicknamed it "The Gospel Ship." We are excited for the opportunity to reach some young people with this ministry.

What's Coming Up:

On March 3, April and I celebrated our 17th wedding anniversary. On March 5, Cash, our oldest son, turned 13 years old. We finished going through the church bylaws on March 3. On March 10, we will have another baptism service where I will baptize 4 more believers. Of the 8 people being baptized, 5 are new believers who have been saved over the past year, and 3 are being baptized on profession of faith. On March 17, we will have a special evening service where we will sign our church charter. We are all beyond excited for this next step!

We have 2 groups who are scheduled to visit over the next two months. We are looking forward to hosting these groups and exposing them to the great need for churches in the western United States. Please pray that God would use this time to touch the hearts of some of those who are coming out to consider these areas as a place to serve the Lord. But most of all, pray that their eye will affect their heart so that they will at least pray for this area.

Praises:

1. Two ladies saved over the past month.
2. Total of 8 being baptized as we prepare to charter the church.
3. We will sign the church charter March 17.

Prayer Requests:

1. Please pray for our church as we prepare to sign the charter.
2. Please pray that we can get some young people on the van.
3. Please pray for more laborers in this area.

For Souls,
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