

July and August 2024

Dear Pastors, Churches and Friends,

It has been a wonderful two months for us here in Idaho. The weather has been great, and the church is doing well. In July, I celebrated my 42nd birthday. The church held a surprise birthday party for me! Everyone showed up and really blessed me with a memorable day. We even had a family from the church take us to pick huckleberries which was something I have wanted to do since our first visit to the area in 2020. The boys were on summer break; so I had the opportunity to take them fishing some. Jay and Timothy are both doing really well. Dawn is doing good as well and will have another appointment with her heart doctor to discuss a possible surgery in September. I would like for you to pray that God will have His will and way in this situation. We have begun homeschooling already for the 2024-2025 school year. Jay is in 10th grade, and Timothy is in 4th grade this year. We are excited to see what the Lord does for them this school year.

At the church, we have seen tremendous growth in those that attend. They are faithful, and we have seen wonderful growth in them spiritually. We have seen a steady number of people attending and were blessed to see 3 more saved. We held service in the park for Independence Day and enjoyed a cookout with games. We also went out on visitation in July, and all the kids came to help. Our youth were also invited to a vacation Bible school in Superior, Montana. We were able to take 7 of our children to the Bible school for lessons, crafts, and games. Bro. Wesley Hutchens, Bro. Ed Strickland from Georgia, Bro. Charles Pope from Greenville, SC, and Bro. Don Koonce from Missouri all came to visit the church. It is a real blessing to have people out this way from time to time.

The last Sunday in August, we held a service for the children in the community that will be heading back to school on September 3rd. I preached a sermon on "When They Say You Can't" and encouraged the kids to stand firm in what they believe and what God has done for them in their lives. They really enjoyed being a part of the sermon as I used them for illustrations as David, Daniel, Joseph and the lad with a lunch. We ended the service with a pizza fellowship. We began a discipleship class on Sunday evenings and are preparing for our first baptism in September. It sure has been a wonderful two months here, and I am excited to see how God will move in the coming months.

Thank you all for your continued prayers and support.

God bless you!

Bro. Ray Godfrey Psalm 119:173

1st pic. Bro. Wesley Hutchens

2nd pic. Vacation Bible School in Superior, MT

3rd pic. Special Back to School Service

4th pic. Allen as Daniel in the sermon illustration







