

2024 — 3nd Quarter Prayer Letter

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

John 4:35 "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

One of the main excitements of summer for many of our precious youths (as well as for select adults that have the privilege... and mustered energy to attempt to keep up with them), is Summer Bible Camp. I was blessed with the opportunity to serve as the junior camp pastor this year at Castle Rock Baptist Camp.

The following is a description of the camp: "Castle Rock Baptist Camp is beautifully situated in the Gallatin Canyon on the powerful Gallatin River in the heart of Montana's Rocky Mountains. With no wi-fi or cellular phone coverage, the camp creates an environment free from the distractions of everyday life. God has been using Castle Rock Camp for over 50 years to change the lives of young people. We are dedicated to helping young people have fun and grow in faith in Christ."

Since 1961, God has used this camp and many independent Baptist Churches of like faith and practice as a harvesting tool instrumental in leading many young souls to the Lord Jesus Christ, as well as the born again future of tomorrow into our Saviour's sacred service.

What a tremendous blessing this year was as the Preached Word of God was the supreme focus and there were at least 8 known youths that professed a saving knowledge of Christ, as well as many others that responded to the preaching and teaching in some fashion. Evangelist Dwight Smith of Shelby, NC was our Camp Evangelist this year and was a great blessing and help to the campers as well as the camp staff alike!

Bible camp was not the only place of harvest these past few months. Several times a year we have the opportunity to assist in teaching and preaching with a Rock of Ages revival team in the Montana Women's Prison located here in Billings, MT. Furthermore, our Church also has a monthly regular service at the Prison as well. Sometimes the prison ministry is not held in the highest regard, however, we must not froget that our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ shed His precious blood for these souls as well!

Hebrews 2:9 "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for <u>every</u> man."

I tell our folks all the time that I am no better than anyone else, I may not have committed some of the same sins, but I deserved hell just as much, and it is ONLY by the grace of God that I am not in the same situation. It is always a joy to see sinners in any compacity come to Christ in true repentance and acceptance of Christ as their personal Saviour. It has also been a tremendous burden on my heart and determination in the ministry to not only present a clear prestation of the Gospel, but also to preach and teach sound doctrine (in which there is such a desperate need of in the prisons), so that those that are born again can grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ, and that they may be equipped to assist in the harvest as well! Thank you all for your support and the opportunity to be a part of God's great harvest!

With the Love of Christ, Bro. John McKinney and Family

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