

November and December 2024

Dear Churches, Pastors, Family and Friends,

The last 2 months have been good. The weather has been very mild, and our family is doing well here in North Idaho. Dawn continues to deal with the fluid around her heart and the pain it causes but is doing okay despite it. The boys are doing great in school and have finished the first half of the 2024-2025 school year. Jay took his first college course this semester and completed it with an 89 B which is amazing considering the work he puts into his high school honors courses. Timothy and Jay have really improved in their piano skills as well. We are thankful they continue to show excitement and interest in their lessons.

In November at the church, we completed our discipleship class and started a new book on David and Goliath. We had a record number in this class of 14 people in November. Dawn also holds a Ladies Bible Study on Thursdays. This class is focusing on how to use the storms in the Bible to help us through the storm we have in life. She has had as many as 9 ladies in the class, and all have expressed how much they enjoy this special time together.

We focused on Missions in the month of November. The children's class on Wednesdays learned about the various types of missionaries and heard about several of them around the world through video and prayer letters we read. The children wrote letters to various missionaries and then gathered some supplies for one missionary in NY that is opening a women's home soon. Missions giving month was overall very successful, and we look forward to expanding this in the coming years.

In the month of December, we began our winter fellowships. This is where we have adjusted the meeting times to accommodate the weather and our traveling especially for the older folks and those who drive longer distances to attend service. We have our regular morning service and then have a meal at the church directly after service. Then, we have our class immediately after the meal so that everyone can get home safely before dark. We will continue these modified hours through the winter months.

We were also blessed to be able to celebrate the church's first Christmas together. Teaching the children what Christmas is really about was a real blessing. Dawn even had the children practice and perform a small cantata where they sang Christmas songs for our Christmas service. All of the kids love singing, and I love seeing them continue to grow in the Lord.

We were able to get a laptop for the church, and I have been in communication with a dear brother in Washington who is planning to help us get the equipment we need for the sound system in order to set it up soon. Thanks again to those who have given to this need.

I would like to thank all of you who sent Christmas cards and gifts to our family this Christmas. You all are a real blessing to us and always go above and beyond. We truly do appreciate the extra thought.

I hope you all have had a wonderful Christmas season and that the New Year gives you new opportunities to continue to grow and do all that the Lord has for you in 2025!

God Bless,

Bro. Ray Godfrey Psalm 119:173