

the Godfrey family



Missionaries to IDAHO

Ray, Dawn,
Jay, and Timothy



Dear Churches, Pastors and Friends,

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What a wonderful blessing it is to serve in the ministry. It has officially been 6 years since we hit the deputation trail, 3 years since we moved to Idaho and 2 years since the Silver Valley Independent Baptist Church was planted. Since the beginning, our hearts have been on fire to serve God honestly and faithfully here in Idaho. To God be the glory, we have been able to do that with HIS help and your prayers and financial giving. And the journey is just beginning. We have seen great things happen in the church and community in these 2 years since opening the church. Several have been saved and baptized, and discipleship is taking place. We have begun 2 nursing home ministries this year and continue to have faithful attendance within our church family. I would like to thank Pastor Justin Anderson of New Hope Baptist Church of Pumpkintown, South Carolina for coming and bringing his whole family to celebrate the church's 2nd year anniversary. While they were here, we enjoyed a wonderful and much needed time of fellowship. Having the whole Anderson family here was a huge encouragement not just to me and Dawn but especially for our boys. As the season changes, we are excited to see how God will continue to grow and move us.

The boys are doing well in their studies. Timothy has continued piano lessons, and incredibly, Jay has taught himself how to play the guitar quite well. He and Timothy, along with a lady from our church, enjoy playing instruments and singing to the residents at one of the nursing homes every Monday afternoon. Since volunteering at the nursing home, God has opened up so many new avenues for Dawn and I to share the gospel with the residents one on one and with the workers of the facility weekly. Dawn also began volunteering at the Women's Hope Center here in the valley. God has given her an amazing, open opportunity to counsel and care for young mothers and others that come to this facility for help. The owner has even asked Dawn to share her testimony several times, and we have developed a burden for these young people and hope to see the Lord save them one by one. Won't you help us pray?

Overall, our family and ministry are doing well. I am including in this prayer letter a personal letter written by one of our church members. She felt the Lord wanted her to write a letter of recommendation to all of the churches we visited while on deputation.

May God richly bless you all!

Pastor Ray Godfrey
Psalm 119:173

To Whom it may Concern:

My name is Gail Scott and I have attended the Silver Valley Independent Church in Kellogg for over a year now.

I am writing this letter as a commendation to Pastor Ray Godfrey, Dawn, Jay, and Timothy!!! Each one has a special place in my heart because of their dedication to the Lord and His work. I've been in church for a good part of my life and have never met such dedication from an entire family like this.

When I first met this family, I had not attended church anywhere for almost 2 years. I had seen the church, that I attended for many years, make so many changes that I was uncomfortable with. Example: the music, their importance of get togethers, but mainly the fact that I was not feeling the Spirit moving or the Word being preached without private interpretation.

This Baptist church is located on Main St. of a very small town with very little parking space which can be a hindrance.

The fact that I was born and raised here, I can attest to the fact that continual "lack of interest in church going" has increased and I believe it to be attributed to generational changes. Praise the Lord that HE never changes!!!

I have told the Godfrey family that I believe one of the main reasons they are here is because of me. The Lord knew how much I needed them!!! Every service has been Spirit filled and has contributed to my desire to draw closer to the Lord!!! I watched their family and how they love and care for everyone, pass out tracts on weekends, are always available if you need anything, and more!!

This church may seem to be struggling for congregation, but I don't believe that has anything to do with them. Satan knows how much they are willing to do and are going to do and he is fighting it!

Thank you for your time and keep praying for them!!!!

Ans. Christ's Love
Gail D. Scott

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