



Drinkards
to Leawood

March 2025

Hello Friends!

Thank you for being a faithful partner in the work of planting Ironwood Baptist Church in Leawood, Kansas! We are especially grateful to the Lord for His grace, love, and mercy. Thank you for being faithful to the Lord! Thank you for reading our prayer letters, you all are an encouragement. "...*pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest.*" *Luke 10:2*

The Lord continues to grow the faithfulness of those with listening ears and a desire in their hearts. As I mentioned in last month's letter, a 13 year old girl made a public profession of following Christ through believer's baptism. She was saved through the ministry as well! Also, a 25 year old man was baptized! The Lord allowed me to lead him through the gospel! We praise the Lord for the fruit that abounds to your account!

Additionally, we have seen steps of faith in a few more people that have been attending services in the areas of church attendance and the beginning stages of tithing. We often think that tithing is simply giving money to the Lord however, it's bigger than that! Adults are learning to give of themselves first and when you are learning what a Christian means - giving your money is giving of your life. For this young church family here, this is a big step in developing into a mature Christian. Please pray for the church family in this area of maturing to be faithful Christians. Thank you!

Melissa and I continue to faithfully disciple several people. Please pray especially for Ms. Annie and Bro. Tim as they are in their second phase. Additionally, we started another young lady on the first phase of discipleship. Please pray for Jamie as she is struggling in separating her will from God's will in the smallest of areas at this point. She is learning the fundamental Bible principles of salvation. Her husband is struggling in faithfully attending church due to the disillusionment of "temporal riches." Your prayers are appreciated for this young couple in their pursuit of the Lord and dying to old habits. Thank you!

The Lord allowed me to connect with a young married man who is searching for the Lord. After attending a few church services, we met for brunch and was able to get to know him more. He has a wife who is attending a Jehovah Witness congregation and they have a couple of children. At the closure of our meeting, I asked him about his eternal security. Just before we parted ways, he asked me if I would be willing to show him from the Bible how he could know for sure that he could go to Heaven. After walking him through the gospel, he repented and believed. We praise the Lord for what He did! Please pray for Nathan to grow in the Lord as he continues to pursue the Lord. Nathan has been attending the services and getting acquainted with others who have done the same.

Your prayers would be greatly appreciated for this April's canvassing campaign with a partnering church family. Harvest Baptist Church in Manhattan, KS is going to help the ministry here to distribute the gospel on April 19th. Thank you for praying!

Our family is grateful for investing into our children, they were invited to attend their first college days experience at Heartland Baptist Bible College (HBBC). They always enjoy going to HBBC when given the chance, especially with other kids their age.

March concluded with the wonderful privilege to preach at another missions conference in Clovis, NM at High Plains Baptist Church! Our family loves this faithful church family and very grateful for their demonstrations of love to the Lord through their generosity and focus on missions! Pastor Matt Wood has been faithfully leading this congregation in the right direction.

PRAYER Requests:

- Gospel distribution campaign.
- ***Souls saved*** in Leawood, KS and in the surrounding cities of Overland Park, Prairie Village, and Kansas City, MO!
- Discipleship ministry - learning to be faithful, spiritual growth, developing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ! (*Truw and Jamie, Ricky, Tim, Annie, and Olivia.*)

Continue to ***Pray for:***

- The church family's willingness to evangelize the lost.
- Our family is stretched out and we have been asking God to provide families to come and serve alongside us!
- One of our (big) needs: A church facility/location we can grow into; we need a more visible location!

I Corinthians 15: 57-58, "...victory through our Lord Jesus Christ always abounding in the work of the Lord."

Grateful In His Service, Your Friends,

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