



Heritage Baptist Church

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Dear Friends, Prayer Partners, and Financial Supporters,

It is amazing to consider that another year has passed by and the Lord has allowed us to continue to minister to the people of Frederick County. Sarah and I want to thank you for being a part of helping us to minister. The church family is growing in number and spiritual maturity. For that, we are thankful, and praise the Lord for it. Without His help and power, none of what we do would be possible. He gets the glory!

Admittedly, this year has been a strain in many ways. We have had much spiritual warfare. We have seen some people leave the church, due to a lack of a desire to follow Christ. We have also been opposed by other Baptist churches. In addition, we have had financial struggles, health concerns, and things breaking around the house (mostly car repairs).

Despite the opposition from the world, flesh, and Devil, God has brought us through every time. He has also blessed us much more than Satan has opposed. Here is a list of just some of the blessings the Lord has allowed us to see this year:

1. Our jail ministry has increased: Last year, we were meeting with a few inmates, and now we are usually teaching five or six per week, on a one-on-one basis!
2. We continue to minister at the Glade Valley Nursing Home, once per month
3. James continues to write monthly for the Woodsboro Times, which reaches thousands of locals with the Gospel
4. James wrote, edited, and completed seven books this year, allowing our discipleship curriculum to be completed and in print
5. We took the church property off the market, by faith, and made several needed upgrades to it
6. The barn on the church property was finally taken down and we are able to make use of the wood
7. We installed a wood stove into the house, to allow us to have efficient, cheap heat for the winter
8. We installed guttering on the house, to preserve the foundation
9. We partnered with Ambassador Baptist Church in Frederick, in May
10. James testified in court several times, to support inmates that were following the Lord
11. We have seen a few families added to the church
12. We have seen several professions of faith and baptisms
13. We have had many come to visit the church services
14. We gained a lay-assistant, to work with the youth and help us with witnessing
15. We have seen God get the victory in the lives of many, amidst troubled times
16. We have had a few of the church family finish discipleship
17. We continue to rent the St. John's UCC building
18. God has provided the finances for every need that we have had
19. We have reached our local community with the Gospel
20. We continued to serve at the Frederick Fair and obtained several follow-ups

Looking back at this year, it is amazing to see how our God works. He takes care of our needs, guides us, gives us wisdom, opens doors, and so much more. Only our God can do these things, and the year is not yet over!

We are looking forward to 2016. Already, the Lord shows a promise for much increase and many open doors. The following are some of the things we hope to accomplish:

1. Continue (or expand) serving in the jail system
2. Continue (or expand) serving in the nursing homes
3. Continue writing for the Woodsboro Times
4. Write at least two Bible study books (I John through Jude and Romans)
5. Start a teen/youth ministry in the church
6. Start a Bible club in the public schools
7. Reach our local community for Christ
8. Continue serving at the Frederick Fair (and maybe other events)
9. Continue upgrading the church property (as resources allow)
10. Continue partnering with Ambassador Baptist
11. Begin a Bible study and church pick-up ministry at Mountain Manor Rehab Center in Emmitsburg (beginning January 7th)
12. Continue to disciple and witness faithfully
13. Pay off the church property (to get out of debt)
14. Continue to move towards starting a halfway/recovery house

This may be yet a small portion of what God leads and allows us to do next year, and all of this is subject to His will for us. We hope that you will pray with us on these things, as we walk with the Lord and serve Him.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support of this work. Admittedly, it has been a long four years of restarting this church, but the work has been worth it. Prayerfully, if it is the Lord's will, we will become self-supporting in the fifth year. This is our hope, but it is up to the Lord. All we can do is follow Him.

Thank you for praying for Sarah and the kids. They have been everlastingly at it this year, and are staying encouraged. Sarah has been discipling more ladies than ever, and even saw a few finish discipleship! I am very thankful for a wife that is willing to minister to others. We also just got over a round of birthdays and are now wading our way through the pre-teen years. It seems that our children were just infants a few years ago, now they are writing reports, playing football, and calling friends on the phone. It takes some adjusting.

Thank you for praying for Mark too. He has been with us for four months now and is adjusting well. He just received a promotion at work and is getting ready for a teen rally that we plan to have in the spring. It is our hope that, working together, we will reach many of the youth in our community. So many have turned to drugs, alcohol, theft, and other sinful things, because they do not know Christ! As a result, they eventually end up in jail: some on a repetitive basis. Please pray for us, as we seek to reach these young people for Christ and teach them to follow Him!

Again, thank you for your faithful prayers and support. I look forward to writing the next letter, reporting on the blessings that God has brought our way. Our family hopes that you all have a blessed Christmas season. We are praying for you and hope that this report is an encouragement.

Your Servants in Christ,

James and Sarah Bussard (Phoebe, Jimmy, and Andrea)

Proverbs 3:5-6

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