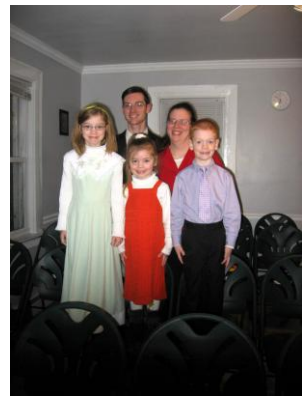




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Dear Friends, Prayer Partners, and Financial Supporters,

My apologies for the lateness of this letter. We recently saw the Lord take my father's sister into Heaven after a battle with cancer. Your prayers for the Steve Ryan family are appreciated and we are thankful for the certainty of seeing my aunt again one day! My family and I trust this update finds you all blessed and encouraged in the Lord as He does His marvelous work in your lives and ministries.

September's Keynotes: I do not have much for information regarding our outreach efforts in September, as my computer hard drive crashed in October, allowing me to lose three months of data. We were blessed to see about **one person saved per week** during this month.

One specific blessing in September occurred when our bank manager dropped by for a home visit. We talked about finances, but were privileged to turn the conversation to spiritual things and watch her bow her head and accept Christ as her Savior! Praise the Lord for His divine appointments!

October's Keynotes: October was a blessed month where we held revival services each week and had mostly local preachers come in to speak on their burden for souls. Each night was blessed with good Bible preaching given by men who have a heart for God. We were also blessed, in October, with encouragement from some supporting churches in the form of fellowship and help with our visitation efforts. During this month we were blessed to see **seven precious souls** get saved and several more obtain assurance of their salvation! We have also seen some in our congregation start to go soul winning as part of their discipleship!

I encourage the believers that read this letter to **take the time to disciple new converts**. Discipleship is much like raising children. It takes work, time, resources, and more work; therefore it is often neglected. In a day where numbers and statistics often equal success in the eyes of many churches, we find this practice nowhere in Scripture. God's view of success is the **quality** of the Christian, not the **quantity**. Discipleship produces quality Christians through a steady diet of doctrine. Not all new converts will be disciplined, but some will.

Please continue to pray with us in a few specific areas. Over the past year and a half the Lord has been "pruning the tree" that is His church. We now have a solid core group of families and are praying that God will **replace the branches** He has pruned. We are also praying for **laborers for the harvest** and the continued **presence of the Holy Spirit** upon us as we do His work His way. We are praying, lastly for our **new converts** to come to the church to be disciplined and grow in their relationship with the Lord Jesus. We appreciate your help as we pray for these things.

We had asked for prayer concerning **a place to baptize** and praise the Lord that He has provided a place for us! We continue to pray that God will **meet our financial needs** and He has proved Himself to be faithful! Thank you so much for your partnership with us before the throne of grace.

We truly serve an amazing God and are humbled to be His servants in Keymar, MD! Thank you for partnering with us in prayer and/or finances. Your time and resources are not being invested in vain, though the true dividends may not be seen until the Judgment Seat. To God be the glory!

In His Service,

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Proverbs 3:5-6