



THE *Kennard* FAMILY

November/December 2022

Dear Praying Friends,

Ephesians 3:21, "Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." Our goal is to give God the glory for all that's being done at the Cottonwood Baptist Church here in Meriden, KS.

Since our last update we have had 20+ visitors attend our services. We consider it a great privilege to minister to these dear people. Many of these visitors were out of town guests visiting family, however a few of them are potential attendees that we can continue to minister to. We have seen some returning guests on Sunday morning, and they have expressed interest in attending more frequently.

While our growth has been slow numerically, we have certainly seen God working in the individual lives of our people. A couple testimonies in that regard.....

We are constantly encouraging our people at Cottonwood to personally dig into the word of God and cultivate their relationship with Christ. One such testimony we recently received is from a lady, who has been attending our church since day one, recently let us know that after two years, she completed reading her Bible all the way through. Now she plans to begin again while digging deeper in the word along with some helpful study material as she seeks to grow more in Christ.

Another testimony we'd like to share is regarding a young couple who is driving one hour, one way, to attend our services. In a recent conversation, the gentlemen revealed to me how thankful he is to have found a church to raise his kids in a godly environment. This gentleman was saved in his early teens, but had strayed away from the Lord. It is such a blessing to hear his heart as he desires to raise his family right even as a young man in today's culture. On a side note, and blessing, this gentleman is a building contractor in the area and has offered to help our church with different projects that need to be addressed. We do ask you to pray for his fiancé, my wife has had several conversations with her about salvation. She has openly admitted she knows she is not saved and is struggling with just trusting Christ as her personal Saviour. We are continuing to pursue her and her need for salvation, however we ask you to pray that she will simply trust Christ.

We are looking forward to this coming year. Our church has chosen the theme of Galatians 5:13b "by love serve one another". Our vision for our people is to see the importance of serving one another by allowing Christ to truly flow through them.

In closing, it has been evident that Satan is attacking our people more recently. He has been distracting them through depression, family challenges, and relationships. Please pray especially hard for these situations.

We thank the Lord for all of you and your continual prayers and support.

Sincerely,

Andrew, Carrie, Clayton, and Sierra Kennard