

" In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Genesis 1:1

Dear Prayer Warriors,

Kathy and I and all of the family thank you for your prayers and support during this emotional time. Although we know God is in control it is hard when we do not have any assurance of Jeremy's salvation. As far as I know, he never accepted God's free gift of salvation, even though we tried to share with him many times over the years. GOD IS IN CONTROL! "In The Beginning GOD...."

We arrived safely home last week, having helped Kathy's family deal through grief, paper work and final preparations regarding Jeremy's(Kathy's older brother) passing. We had some unexpected help as we attempted to witness to Kathy's family. Many of Jeremy's friends were asking why there was not going to be a funeral/remembrance/celebration of life ceremony. We were able to then talk about the reasons why people have services. It was a way to open the doors to more meaningful conversations.

Church Ministry

Now that we are home we are getting back on schedule. In Adult Sunday School(Now that the Holidays are over all the children have gone home) we are working through the book of Genesis. As part of the study we also look at what the world believes and how we can show them what the Bible really says. Not that we can argue people into Heaven; but, we should be able to defend our faith. As a sidebar..... I do not like the term "I Believe" That's nice; but, what does the Word of God say??

There were ten of us in Church this morning; the usual. It was good to all be together this morning. We started in a study of "What does being a Christian mean?" Talk about "opening a can of worms" We are a very diverse group here at Faith and there were a lot of different opinions during discussion time. We are a small Church so we are able to have a discussion time after the sermon. This should be a very interesting series!!

We are having Men's Bible Study tomorrow, Monday, this week only. One of the guys had an older book called "Is there a man in the House?" Not a book I would recommend; but, we will be looking at the concepts in the book under the scrutiny of the Bible, correcting any Biblical errors and adding other Biblical lessons/mandates for men. We will be meeting early as I expect the discussions will take a while.

Kathy is going to try to start the Women's Bible study this week on Thursday. They women will be learning about Mary and Martha from Luke 10:38-42 . Should be interesting!

I will be starting up our virtual Bible Study again on Tuesday. There are usually 10-14 of us, depending on the week. I have been told ahead of time that we may have a "visitor" from Guatemala. One of our regular's relative- Paulo(Hope I am spelling it right).

I(Sean) have been contacted regarding having Vacation Bible School on WhiteDog Reservation. Please pray for this; as we will need a building, or tent, or bus to use in case of bad weather. Many of you will remember we use to go up to WhiteDog before we lost the use of a building where we were meeting.

FAMILY

I(Sean) have a number of job interviews this week. Please pray that I would get a job offer so I can go back to work. I don't usually talk about my health; but, I recently had a physical and no major concerns just slightly elevated cholesterol level due to the extra 30 pounds I am carrying. I am going to start doing more walking as it is an easy low impact exercise to start off with.

Kathy has still been dealing with her health issues and we have insisted our Doctor run more tests, different tests, so we may find the root causes of her problems. With everything that was happening with her brother, Jeremy and the stress of his passing her Blood Glucose levels have been elevated.

Christina is still working with the specialists to determine what is going on with her Kidney. She has been going for tests and to specialists once or twice a week so we are praying for some results soon.

Erin's back has been steadily getting stronger and he is able to do more and more physically. He has been working full time and is also able to help shovel snow. His back is "back"(HaHa) to normal and he is only going to the chiropractor once every two or three months.

Shannon and the kids(Bella-6 and Bryan-3) are doing well and Bella has been going to school since September. She is going to a French-immersion school and is already able to speak French better than I can. Bryan is too young for school; but, is learning from Bella.

Devin has been working full time with Erin at the Wholesale Club. He is working in the Frozen and Deli meat departments he seems to be enjoying it and is learning a lot.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For Darlene's Health
- For Brian and Kevin and their health issues
- For Sean's job search

- For Spiritual Growth in the Church
- For warmer weather(We have been under a deep freeze for weeks now. What ever happened to Global Warming? We could sure use some of it now HaHa)