

"Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word of deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father in Him. " Colossians 3: 16 & 17

Dear Prayer Warriors,

We humbly thank all of you for your prayers and financial support, over the years, for us as a family and for the Lord's ministry here!! 2024 seems to have been an even more challenging year than most; but, through it all God has protected us and carried us through! He has brought us to Kenora for His work and ministry and not our own and we will stay faithful to that charge for as long as He wants us here.

Church Update

With families getting together for the holidays, we were able to have Sunday School class two weeks in a row with three young children. It has been a long time since we have had any children in Church and it was a real blessing!! The walls of our house are not very thick and as I was teaching on the birth of Christ; I was overjoyed to have the song "Jesus Loves Me" drifting in from Sunday School as background music. Our Congregation felt very blessed!!

The Online ministry has been going well, we have two new members. The online ministry has been exciting and challenging! I begin teaching from a passage of Scripture; I then open it up for discussion. I am really kept on my toes! There is so much misunderstanding, false teaching and man-made traditions in the world today!!! I always encourage/challenge people to study God's Word for themselves! Television, Internet, Charismatic False teachers and liberal inspired books are not a substitute for the True Word of God!!!

As I have already mentioned we have been blessed by many visitors the past couple of weeks! We have broken all previous attendance records with a record breaking 20 people in attendance! We have double attendance. Our regular Sunday services run around ten people.

It has been a real struggle to maintain any kind of regularity to our Men's and Ladies' Ministries due to the amount of illnesses in both members and members' families, as I will explain shortly.

We were able to again enter a float in the local santa claus parade. There were four of us riding the float and two more of us running alongside handing out candy and tracts. The weather was unusually warm that night so there was a huge number of people turned out to watch.

The ladies of the Church did an amazing job planning and executing three food hampers for local needy families and providing the food and small gift bags for our Christmas Fellowship. All in attendance left with full bellies and full hearts!!!!

A group of us again went to the local nursing homes and hospital and sang carols and visited with the residents and patients. I think everybody involved felt blessed to bring a little love into other's lives. Nursing homes and hospitals can be scary, lonely places. As a congregation we have decided to visit them more often.

Personal Updates

Darlene has been struggling with her health this past year. She has asked me to make the following requests on her behalf: She would like prayers for her eyes(cataracts), knees(the doctors are talking surgery), arthritis(all year but especially in the winter), and for unsaved family members.

Bryan and Kevin have asked for prayer for their knees and arthritis. Bryan has also asked for prayer for his weak ankles(he has fallen several times on uneven ground).

There are also various unspoken requests from other members of the congregation.

I(Sean) lost my job several months ago by no fault of my own. There was a lot of pressure around Kenora during the Covid scare to get the vaccinations and with Kathy working in Home care it was a requirement. I have not mentioned any of this previously because I did not want to get in endless debates from either side! So Kathy received her vaccinations and I went in to get mine. The very first needle had an adverse effect on me: the day after the shot I was splashing water on my face, like I do every morning, when I blacked out(without warning or dizziness)! I woke up with my temple bouncing off our bathtub! My blood pressure was normal, heart rate was normal and everything else was normal! In the past number of years this has not re-occurred! My body had an adverse effect on my body. Now I did not mention this to start a debate!! I mention this because I am not going to get any more Covid shots and due to this I lost my long term job with Kenora Flooring and I have found it difficult to find other employment around Kenora. Every flu season it becomes a real issue here and there is a lot of discrimination. I have proof of only one vaccination and the businesses require at least three minimum. We were living off of support, savings and Kathy's job. I have done various odd jobs to supplement this.

Kathy's brother, Jeremy has lost his second leg, mostly due to Diabetic complications. This has caused him to fall into a deep depression. To complicate matters he caught a bad infection that caused him to decline into an almost coma like state(very unresponsive and immobile). It was so bad that the head nurse phoned all of the family and asked them all to come as they figured he only had hours, or at the most days, to live. We immediately drove down to the Sault Ste. Marie Hospital and stayed for the week. Jeremy was in that state for almost a week. He came out of it; but, is still depressed. During this time Kathy's mother has

begun showing signs of dementia. With all of this going on Kathy and I have been travelling back and forth in order to deal with Lawyers, wills, Doctors, Specialists and all of the other tasks. She has taken a leave of absence from work as she is starting to feel "burnt-out."

Prayer Requests

- Kathy and family
- Church and Ministries
- Many of you may remember Shirley Carnegie from Berean Baptist Church. She is now in WiigWaas Nursing home and would appreciate all of our prayers
- A job or other means of income for Sean