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Dear family, friends, and ministry partners,

We thank our gracious Saviour that “we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel...not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts” (1 Thessalonians 2:4). Our privilege is to serve our Sovereign God among people needing Him and growing in Him.

Ministry Update

2020 was a great year to step back and examine the ministry of our church and our personal lives. The question of “What is essential?” forced us to evaluate our relationships and methods under the light of His Word.

The preaching ministry, carried out by use of technology, was a family endeavor. The boys figured out a “blue screen” at our dining room table so Pastor Dave could preach by the Garden Tomb, on the Mount of Olives, by the Coliseum, and finally landing on top of Winnemucca Mountain overlooking our town for most of the lockdown. The Wednesday night Bible study and prayer service is still online with several of our senior citizens faithfully joining in every week.

Some of our people remain cautious about meeting with our church in person, and we request prayer for them in their loneliness. We had planned to carol each of them at their homes during the Christmas season, but we ended up staying home with Covid-19. We were not hit too hard, and several others from our church had their bout with the virus around that time period. Everyone has recovered, but we still hear exclamations like, “I just walked in and smelled homemade bread! First thing I smelled since Christmas!”

Dave and Forrest, our deacon, have been privileged to lead souls to the Lord, and we rejoice that the baptismal tub had to be filled several times in the summer and fall. While Dave taught the BBC kids about the meaning and mode of baptism, one boy exclaimed, “I thought ‘immersion’ was dipping in boiling water!”

Our children have always helped out with the ministry, and we praise the Lord for the grown sons who have chosen to live here and advance Jesus Christ with us at Grace Baptist. Ben has been a blessing with the music ministry, picking out congregational songs and overseeing specials and instrumental accompaniment. He also wrote and directed our church Christmas program. Sam is a meticulous and capable church treasurer and current IT servant/guy. Until James went to Bible college in the fall he was our main go-to IT guy, putting in hours each week so we could reach all of our folks unable to attend and provide good sound for those present at the building. By God’s grace John is finishing his undergraduate program in Bible and almost halfway through seminary as he prepares for ministry. Lord willing, he will be interning this summer with Pastor Jeff Estes and Fellowship Baptist Church in Idaho.

Prayer requests:

1. The grown sons and unsaved husbands of several of our folks
2. Faithfulness in discipleship
3. A family father really struggling with pride and the world
4. Children in Buckaroo Bible Club
5. God’s leading for a permanent home building for the congregation

We thank you for praying for God’s work here.

David and Anna Schaaf