

Dear Friends.

I am currently in Thayne, Wyoming, ministering at Friendship Baptist Church with Pastor Jay Sprecher. It has been a joy to see what God is doing. Pastor and Pam have been faithfully serving the Lord here for many years. God is working. Please pray for the meetings and for the church to continue to grow, both numerically and spiritually.

Update – In February, I was able to be in Kingman, Arizona, for services at Calvary Baptist Church where Rob and Jill Kelley are faithfully serving the Lord. It was a joy to be with the church family and to see what the Lord was doing there. In March, I was with First Baptist Church in Hulett, Wyoming, where Jim Palus is the pastor. The church hosted the Northern Plains Fellowship for meetings on Monday through Wednesday. It was a joy to see the pastors and friends within the fellowship. The meetings were well attended. Thankful the Lord gave us a pleasant week of weather while there, however storms came before and after the meetings. God is good. Please pray for the churches of the Northern Plains.

News – The new pastor and his wife in Ennis, Montana, are settling into ministry at Rocky Mountain Baptist Church. I had the privilege of meeting with them in March. Pastor Nate Holt and his wife, Val, are looking forward to God's working and leading.

Pastor Marc Dobson in Columbia Falls, Montana, was voted senior pastor of First Baptist Church. These two events are answers to prayer requests from previous letters.

New Prayer Request – Pastor Dan Cleghorn of Chewelah Baptist Church in Chewelah, Washington, has resigned due to health issues. The church is now seeking a new pastor. Please be in prayer for the church and the Cleghorns as both Pastor Dan and Karen have health concerns.

Personal – Jeneen is still caring for her mom. It keeps her home from most trips. Thankfully, Jeneen's health has been better lately. I am scheduled for a hip replacement on June 13th. The pre-op appointments start in May. The pain levels have been bearable. God is giving strength and enablement through it all. Needless to say, the backpacking camps are on hold for this summer. Thanks for your prayers.

When I am home, I have been active in our home church, Fellowship Baptist Church in Nampa, Idaho. I lead a men's Bible study meeting once a month starting the first Thursday of each month. We had 16 men the first month and 25 in April. The last meeting will be the first Thursday in May. After that, we will see what the Lord will do in the future for the men's ministry at Fellowship.

Looking ahead – We are anticipating what the Lord has in the future. Meetings have already been scheduled in Kansas for the fall. It will also be the fall meetings for the fellowship of the churches.

Special Prayer – We have several friends we are praying for who have cancer at various stages. Also, there are churches struggling. There are people in situations which need God's clear direction and resolution. Please continue to pray for Grace Baptist Church in Randolph, Utah, as they seek a pastor. Please pray for Chewelah Baptist Church as they seek a pastor.

Thank you – Thank you all for your friendship, prayers, and encouragement. God continues to put ministry before us to do. We are thankful for His leading and your support in the work He has for us.

Your Friends in Christ,

Monte and Jeneen