

February 2018

Dear Fellow Believers and Friends,

We began the new year by moving into the mission house of Morning Star Baptist Church in Shelby, NC. This was our third year to use the house while our trailer was in the shop. The last two years we had to get some major work done on the frame and walls of the trailer. This year was just some normal upkeep and repairs that needed to be taken care of. I will not list all of the repairs, but I will mention a few just to give you an idea of what was done. The kitchen and bathroom faucets were worn out. Also a couple of exhaust fans had stopped working. Those things along with other repairs and the annual checking of the trailer brakes and repacking of the bearings necessitated a stay in the shop. It would take all of January and February to get the repairs done. By the time you receive this letter, we will be moving back into the trailer.

Many times people will question why the trailer needs annual repairs. Perhaps as I mention where and how much we traveled last year, you will get a better understanding of the need for annual repairs. We drove our truck almost 27,000 miles. This included pulling the trailer around 13,000 miles. Those 13,000 miles alone put us on the highways of the United States for 262 hours. We bought over 2,000 gallons of fuel and paid over \$5,000 for it. We traveled through 23 states, and I preached in over 30 churches in 13 of them. It was a busy and exciting year. Sometimes people ask, "Do you get tired of traveling?" To be honest, I do not. Tamatha and the children do not either. In fact, we are anxious to get back in the trailer and back on the road. We are looking forward to a busy year of laboring with God's servants across this nation.

The wear and tear of traveling, and the wear and tear of four children, takes its toll on the trailer. One repairman told me that they estimate that pulling a trailer on the road is the equivalent of a minor earthquake registering a 4 or 5 on the Richter scale. I have told some churches that teenage boys have the effect of an 8 or 9 on the Richter scale.

While in Shelby, we visited several churches. The pastors and church people were all very kind to us. We dropped in and saw Pastor Ed Kuykendall of Bread of Life Baptist Church in Shelby. They have supported us for a couple of years now, and everyone was glad to see us. At the end of the service, Bro. Kuykendall took up an offering for us. It was good to see the people of Bread of Life again.

When we dropped by to see Pastor Jason Moore and the people of Heaven Bound Baptist Church, he asked me to come back and preach for them that night. He also asked Wesley Peter to preach before I did that night. Tamatha and the children sang, and then Wesley Peter and I preached. We had a good service with the Moores and Heaven Bound.

On Sunday night January 21, we drove to Greenville to be with our home church, Gospel Baptist Church. Nowelle sang, and I preached. We enjoyed the service and time of fellowship with our fellow church members after the service.

Praises

1) Great services in each church; 2) Gracious provision from God through faithful supporters and the churches where we labored; 3) Completion of trailer repairs; 4) Silas turned 12 on February 11th.

Prayer Needs

1) Power in preaching; 2) Protection in travel; 3) Completion of schedule; I will be working on our schedule throughout March; pray that the Lord will put us in the right place at the right time.

Preaching the Gospel,

Paul, Tamatha, William, Nowelle, Wesley Peter, and Silas

Redmond Schedule for 2018

March–Visiting supporting churches in North and South Carolina

March 25–Gospel Baptist Church–Pastor Joey Willis–Greenville, SC
Homecoming Services

April 15-27–Tent Revival in Alabama; Still waiting for final confirmation on location–will be either Smiths Station or Opelika; First week–Canvassing; Second week–Tent Revival

May 6-18–Berean Baptist Church–Pastor Alan Sinclair–Ellenwood, GA
First week–Canvassing; Second week–Tent Revival; preaching with Evangelist Van Billingsley

April-early June–other churches throughout Southeast

July 22-27–Amazing Grace Baptist Church–Pastor Benji Beaudoin–Faulkton, SD
AM–Vacation Bible School; PM–Tent Revival; preaching with Evangelist Van Billingsley

July 29-August 1–Victory Baptist Church–Pastor Chris Cote–Pukwana, SD
Revival Meeting

Middle June–August–churches throughout Midwest

September–churches throughout Rocky Mountains

October–churches in Arizona

November-December–churches throughout Southeast

November 25–Central Baptist Church–Pastor Jeff Thorn–Lanett, AL; Morning Service

December 30–Morning Star Baptist Church–Pastor Keith Linzy–Shelby, NC