

Frost, seeing your breath in the morning, and bright yellow leaves all signal that fall has arrived in the foothills of the Canadian Rockies. This (and Spring) is my favorite time of year! Please spend a few minutes rejoicing with us and praying for us in the wonderful blessings God has given.

Blessing #1 ... Eight years old! On Sunday, September 18th Hinton Baptist Church celebrated its 8th anniversary. Yes, hard to believe as the time has passed so very quickly but, the little "church in the wildwood" is not brand new any longer. We have seen many come and go during that time ... some have stayed, grown, been blessed and are a blessing for the Lord. As God told Joshua, "there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed" ... there is still much to be gained for God and good in Hinton in and through His church. We are so very thankful for all the help, prayers, and support from so many through the years that have made this work possible. We give all praise and glory to our heavenly Father, without Whom nothing would be accomplished with any eternal gains. To His glory and in His precious name we ask you to please pray the next eight years would be nothing short of amazing for Jesus Christ's sake.

Blessing #2 ... An old friend - out of the blue! As with any church start, in the first weeks and months in the life and ministry of Hinton Baptist Church MANY doors were knocked and flyers handed out inviting folks to the services and introducing the new church. Behind one of those doors stood a young man from Ontario. He received the John/Romans booklet and said he would drop in one day. Months later he did come to an evening service (I was surprised when he told me he would ... and did). Several weeks later, several cups of coffee later, and many questions later he trusted Christ as Saviour! Praise God for the very first soul brought to saving faith in Christ through Hinton Baptist Church. Sadly, as often is in a transient town, he moved away shortly after being saved. ... Fast-forward these past seven-and-a-half years and you could have knocked me over with a feather when my friend showed up at church, out of the blue, for the Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study! His exact words were, "I came back out here from Ontario to tell you that when I got saved it stuck! ... And I need to be baptized!" He has plans to move back to the Hinton area in the spring. If just one more soul walks down the aisle it will be worth every struggle, worth every trial!

Blessing #3 ... Spreading the Gospel with kids. Every week, by God's grace we knock doors and try to share the gospel with people that need the Lord. Often it is just myself and two or three of my precious children (sometimes all four of the oldest) going out. This summer our 8 yr. old daughter has started to knock on the doors herself ... almost trotting up the sidewalks with Gospel literature in hand to knock on a stranger's door. God is doing a good work in her. And then, she has started to invite them to church and witness to them! To say the least, I was scared for her the first couple of times ... She's not old enough! ... She won't know what to say! ... They'll slam the door in her face! ... "O YE OF LITTLE FAITH". The Lord is working in her both to will and to do of His good pleasure.

Truly wonderful, heavenly, God given blessings have abounded this summer and early fall at Hinton Baptist Church.

Thank you dear friends ... Your faithfulness and prayers make all the difference!

God Bless, Shane Davis