

September ~ Families almost always settle into a more predictable routine at the start of fall and with that the Lord has given an increase in the Children's Sunday School class. We know the number of individuals attending a church (young or old) is not an indicator of spiritual "growth" or "health". Yet, we are truly grateful for the opportunity to impact as many as possible with the gospel of Christ. The Lord Himself said, *"Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for such is the kingdom of God"* (Mark 10:14). Pray for us, to influence the younger for Christ BEFORE greater temptations/struggles enter into life.

Also, our ladies had a wonderful time attending a special service held by a church of like faith in Edmonton. The drive to the closest church of like faith is 3 hours one-way ... so the ladies made a two-day event out of the trip, and enjoyed the first day shopping and fellowshiping before the teaching and testimonies of the second day.

As you may remember from our last up-date, the Lord blessed the close of August with a wonderful baptismal service. I am pleased to say and see the continued growth and hunger for spiritual things in ALL four that were baptized! No day is without trials, but God gives grace to the humble (James 4:6) ... please pray that these new believers will walk humbly before the Lord and continue growing in Him.

October ~ Surrounded by the beauty of fall in the foothills of the Canadian Rockies, the Hinton Baptist Church undertook a fall festival. Good fellowship, good fun in games/crafts, good chili and fixin's, good hymn singing, and good Bible preaching were the agenda for the afternoon.

Preaching the Word of God, line upon line, precept upon precept has been the touchstone of Hinton Baptist Church from the start. Sunday evenings have found the flock learning from and feeding through the book of Jude ... and the book of Romans during the mid-week Bible study. The Bible clearly teaches *"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope"* (Romans 15:4). Believers, the world over, need patience, comfort, and hope; and these only come from God's Word. Pray for the continued preaching and teaching of Holy Writ.

The last Wednesday of October was observed with voluntary fasting and prayer by the church family. There is no mistake about it, we need His presence in our lives ... His touch in our homes ... His strength in His church. Please join us in fasting and praying for REVIVAL.

November ~ For the first time in seventeen years my wife and I had the opportunity to spend a week ... ALONE! We love our children and thank God for them. They are tremendous blessings in our personal lives, as well as in the ministry. However, I must say the time away and the time alone with my dear wife was so very needful. Though our older children are very able to maintain the "daily schedule", we had a friend come stay with them while we were away. It was also a great blessing to have Bro. Paul Harness right at hand to fill the pulpit and care for the church in my absence.

Thank you for being faithful unto the Lord on our behalf, both financially and prayerfully. Without His blessings through you, our path here would be much more difficult.

May God Bless, Shane Davis