

December 2019 ~ The Christmas season passed in a simplicity and quietness that was refreshing. The **church dinner**, on the 8th, was delicious as always. There is a fellowship like no other that people share when food is involved. The 24th found a good number of folks attending the **Candlelight Service**. This was the twelfth Christmas Eve service, and while the attendance has been sporadic over the years (sickness or holiday travel), the spirit of worship and adoration of Christ has continually grown. Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year.

January 2020 ~ Children and Adult Choir ... I was greatly encouraged to see enthusiasm in folks that I did not expect to see when the announcement was made about starting church choirs. The children's choir has sung a time or two already. Their glowing faces and simple songs have blessed Hinton Baptist Church. The adult choir has been practicing each evening after the service, and will sing the last Sunday of February. **Discipleship** ... Two weeks ago, Thursday night discipleship began with a most precious husband and wife. Both were baptized in August of last year, and have been drinking in everything possible from the Word of God! To see this young couple eager to learn more about Jesus Christ is amazing. Pray that they may continue in the things they are learning. **Stewardship** ... I felt pressed of the Lord to begin a series of Sunday messages on managing God's possessions. Every child of God is responsible to use every resource He has given to us for His glory and honor. Please pray for the flock in Hinton to be good and faithful stewards of God's blessings and provisions in our lives.

February 2020 ~ Chill-Out! ... Victory Baptist Church in Sherwood Park, Ab will once again be hosting a winter camp for teens (Feb. 20-22). We look forward to the preaching and teaching from God's Word, and fellowship with like-minded believers. Help us pray that our teens will hear and heed what the Lord says during this time. May I also ask each to consider joining our church on **Feb. 26th in a day of voluntary fasting and prayer**. Even amidst the blessings and goodness of God, there remains a prevailing spirit of apathy toward the things of God. Please join with us; seeking the Lord to shake us to our heart's core, if necessary for REVIVAL ... the heavenly presence of CHRIST.

** Personal Note - May I ask each of you to pray as I seek supplemental income to make ends meet for our family. The part-time welding is coming to an end. When the arthritis that I've been dealing with for several years flairs up, it is all but impossible to perform the work-related tasks necessary in welding (any tradesman understands!), also my employer is retiring and will be closing the doors in April. There is a very real possibility of self-employment; as I have been repairing small engines at night in my garage. All I ask is prayer ... that I may be a good steward of ALL the Lord has entrusted to my care.

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

God Bless, Shane Davis