



ELWART FAMILY

Big Bear Baptist Church - PO Box 237 - Big Bear City, CA 92314

Praises

- 2 men and 1 young lady made professions of faith!
- 5 people were baptized!
- 1 man joined the church!
- We had over 100 first-time guests to our 1st ever Community Family Fun Day!
- Brittany and some of the ladies from our church completed their first Bible study in December.
- Jackie finished discipleship with a man in our church, and he asked if he could do some more. Praise the Lord!
- Our family had a wonderful time at a conference in September that helped and encouraged our hearts spiritually and refreshed us.

Prayer Requests

- We plan to celebrate our 1st Anniversary on April 2, 2023. Please pray that the Lord would bring a number of guests that day, and that we could see someone saved.
- We plan to have our 1st Faith Promise Missions Meeting on March 5. Bro Jeremy Lockhart, Director of WWNTBM, will be preaching. Pray that our folks catch the Missions heartbeat.
- Brittany & baby (due in May)

More Firsts...

September brought us to our first fall since moving to Big Bear. God did some wonderful things in our church and our hearts. Our family was able to attend a conference out here in CA with Brittany's parents.

It was a phenomenal meeting, and God used the preaching and sessions to stir our hearts personally for the Lord and His glory.

October was a wonderful month full of God's blessings. We were able to have our first baptism service on October 23, where we were privileged to baptize 4 believers. We also found out baby #6 is on the way and due in May!

We had over 100 first time guests that came out to our Community Family Fun Day at the end of October. Each family received a gift bag from our church with a John/Romans, a tract, invitation to church, and more. We were able to talk with many different families as they ate food, jumped on bounce houses, and played family games. It was awesome to see our church folks serving so wonderfully before, during, and after this event.

November brought Evangelist Thomas Engle and family out for a week. He preached in services Wed-Fri and Sunday. Jackie was able to baptize another new believer that Sunday. We had a great meeting, and it was a blessing to see our church attend. Our family was blessed to be able to go camping for Thanksgiving with 2 other pastor friends and their families. God has allowed us to build a wonderful friendship over this first year with them.

In December, Brittany's parents flew out to celebrate Christmas with us and stay with our kids, while we traveled to Missouri for a Pastor's Couples Retreat trip. This trip was gifted by some very dear friends, and we are so grateful. It was just what we needed, and we are praying and planning to go again in Dec of 2023. God is good!

