



ELWART FAMILY

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4 Years!!!!

On April 3rd, we celebrated 4 years since the birth of Big Bear Baptist Church!! It is so amazing to think of all that God has done in this place since that time. Lives have been changed, families have been transformed, and believers have grown. There is still so much to do, but remembering what God has done is such an encouraging thought as we look back over these last 4 years. It is our prayer that God continues to build His church here in Big Bear, and we are so honored and blessed to be a part of His working in our town.



We are so grateful for LBC in LaVerne, CA giving and mailing 5,000 custom Easter invitations as part of their missions program again this year. As a result, we had 13 visitors, 9 of which were first time visitors. We had a wonderful Easter Sunday, and this is always an exciting time of year to get the gospel out to some who will only come once a year. Later that week starting on Wednesday and going through Sunday, we started our spring revival with Evangelist Will Geiseman and family. I would highly recommend him to anyone that is looking for an evangelist. He knew the Lord called him into evangelism, but chose to take a couple years assisting his pastor and church after college before jumping into evangelism. This has proven to give him some experiences that I think greatly help his evangelistic ministry. You can find him at increasingchrist.com if you are interested. We also had the best attendance during one of our revival meetings. Revival attendance and the expectation of people to come is something we took for granted for so many years at our sending church, but it has been exciting to see growth even in this area as we continue to preach the gospel and teach the need for revival in our hearts and church.

We ended the revival week on that Sunday after Easter with a baptism service. It was so exciting to be able to baptize 2. Jackie had the privilege of leading one man to the Lord over the phone a while back. Randy is a member of our church who Jackie got to lead to the Lord the first year of the church plant. Randy was talking to his brother asking him if he was saved. Jackie got a phone call from Randy and said "My brother wants to be saved, would you talk to him?" Randy was helping his brother over an hour away move from one house to another. They pulled off the road so Jackie could talk to him, and his brother accepted the Lord right there on the phone on the side of the road!! Our youngest daughter, Sadie, has struggled with her salvation for a long time. She had made a profession of faith years ago because it was what she felt like she should do. It wasn't until recently that she realized and was willing to admit to herself and God that she was lost. She talked with Brittany one Thursday night after church and accepted Christ as her Saviour. Jackie got to baptize her as well the Sunday after Easter. Please pray for our second oldest son, Dalton. He accepted the Lord a while back, but is very apprehensive of water...especially going under it. He wanted to be baptized this time, but when the time came he couldn't do it. So, Jackie told him we could try again later when he is ready.

Charlotte finished her first year at PBC. She will spend the summer in MI working at a family member's daycare. She will also have the opportunity to spend some time with a lot of Jackie's family while there and attend one of our supporting churches during the summer. After praying about what the Lord would have her to do for many months, she believes the Lord would have her move to MI and work at the daycare full-time. We would appreciate prayers for her as she moves there full time the end of August, navigates this new life change, and desires to be used by the Lord wherever she is.

Praises

- 4 years of Big Bear Baptist Church
- Easter visitors & a great revival week
- 2 believers being baptized