



# SCOTT & MARILEE *Norman* SERVANTS HELPING IN THE MINISTRY



January 2024

*"A man's heart  
deviseth his way: but  
the LORD directeth his steps."  
Proverbs 16:9*

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

These dear words from Proverbs continue to have a profound effect on me. Every day we wake up and we plan (devise) our day. In our planning we want to please God, but we nonetheless map out a course for our day's labours; we make our lists and devise what we need to do. It is a comfort to know that as we plan our day, as we make plans, as we set our agenda, God is there graciously directing our steps. It is comforting to know that God is in complete control of our daily activities. And what is truly amazing is that while we never know whether or not our plans will meet our expectations, God has His perfect plan for us. So at the end of the day, we can look back and realize that it was not us but God leading all the way. This has certainly proven true in our lives during the month of January.

I will begin by saying that we hope each of you had a wonderful Christmas. It has been a while since we last wrote to you, and we hope that the New Year has been a blessing for you thus far. I want to thank each and every one of you for the financial gifts given during Christmas, along with the cards and encouraging words. We are so grateful for your sacrifice of love.

Let me share with you how God has directed our paths. As most of you know, I have been recovering from knee surgery which took place on November 8. At the very beginning of the year, I was released from therapy, and both my therapist and surgeon said that I had exceeded all expectations. Praise the Lord! While my left knee has pretty much fully healed, my right knee continues to deteriorate. During the first week in January, my surgeon scheduled my next surgery for March 6, and so this is what we planned. But God,

who so wonderfully directs our steps, had other plans. On January 29, my surgeon called me and informed me that there had been a cancellation and that he had moved my surgery date up. How surprised I was when he said surgery would be January 31. And so by the time you get this letter I will have had my right knee replaced and recovering from that surgery. PLEASE PRAY FOR ME!

I have had some opportunities to fill the pulpit since the last time we wrote, and we thank God for directing our steps to help these dear pastors. We were able to help Pastors Rusty Conyers and Brian Alphin, pastors of Liberty Baptist Church and Lighthouse Baptist Church, respectively. During January, I also had many opportunities to teach Sunday school and fill the pulpit in my home church, thus helping my pastor, Mike Renfrow.

Besides surgery and recovery, we did not have any other plans for 2024, but once again God had other plans and has directed our steps in a wondrous way. In January, I received a call from Matthew Furan, missionary to the island of Saipan, where we ministered for so many years. He has asked us to relieve him for a few months this year, and we have joyfully accepted. We will be leaving the States on May 9, and returning at the end of July. Now we know why surgery got scheduled five weeks earlier. While we make plans for recovery and for our trip to Saipan, we praise God for directing our steps. Pray for us as we prepare for this wonderful opportunity to relieve yet another missionary.

When I consider what God has done for us during the month of January, I am reminded of the sobering words of Proverbs 27:1. **"Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth."** As we continue to devise our daily activities, we ask you to pray that God would indeed direct our paths. We thank you so much for your prayers, your support, and your encouragement. May God give each and every one of you a blessed New Year!

Contact :

309 Ridge Road NW • Wilson, NC 27896  
Scott: 252-822-1063 • Marilee: 252-822-3555  
scottleenorman@gmail.com

Sending Church:

Trinity Baptist Church  
PO Box 1236  
3624 Raleigh Road Parkway  
Wilson, NC 27894

Send Support to / Mission Agency:

World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions  
PO Box 725  
Kings Mountain, NC 28086  
Info@wwntbm.net



SEEKING THE LOST · ENCOURAGING THE SAINTS · AT HOME AND ABROAD