



May-June 2020

Dear Prayer Partners,

***“REST in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the ABUNDANCE OF PEACE.” Psalm 7, 11***

These are truly fearful days in our country with riots, changing laws, attacks against righteousness and churches, and everything so different in just 4 months. Again, here in Arizona, a lot of things are shut down, the virus is increasing daily (according to news reports) and people are fearful and seeking peace. We continue to seek wisdom as we serve the Lord in the ministry God has given us, as to how to balance the requirements set by our governor with the task God has given. How thankful we are for the reassurance that God is in complete control! We can truly REST in Him! God's Word is the only source of peace!

### WORK

There are certain advantages to being a small church with few people in our congregation - especially during these days of changing rules by our government leaders. Faith Baptist Church of Rimrock continues to meet together each Sunday! Praise the Lord for the privilege of worship, fellowship with God's people, and renewed faith in God's promises through His Word! We have actually seen some weeks of higher attendance. We have met with caution and social distancing, and we've seen God working through these services.

Our son, Mike, has led our men in men's prayer breakfasts during May and June and each one was a blessing to unify the men.

We've had a couple of new visitors who have been coming several weeks and seem to enjoy the preaching of the Word!

In June, a lady who attended here a few years ago, then moved to Phoenix, just moved back with her two grandsons. She is their legal parent. They have been coming regularly since they moved back. Mike's son, Drew, has accepted the responsibility of teaching these two boys and they love him! It has been good for him as well. It has been a HUGE blessing to see how these two boys and grandmother have grown in the

Lord in the few years they were away from us! Praise the Lord for answered prayer! Katelyn, Drew's sister, has been helping to care for a 2-year old who's been coming and finally allowing someone to care for him in the nursery. This has been a special blessing to his parents especially!!

Our son, Mike has helped to relieve his Dad at times by preaching on Sunday morning occasionally as well as teaching in our midweek Bible study from time to time. And Stephanie is such a blessing helping wherever needed, playing piano to give Sue a break, helping with a new Facebook church page for advertising, etc.

### WEDDING

It was truly a delight to attend the wedding in Wyoming of Mike and Stephanie's 3<sup>rd</sup> daughter, Bethany, to T.J. Lacock! What a blessing to see the God-honoring testimony of these two young people as they were united in marriage and dedicated to serving the Lord in His work! Their desire is to pastor a church one day in the WEST! YAY! What a privilege it was to take part in the wedding, which truly honored the Lord!

God allowed us to spend a few days following the wedding enjoying Yellowstone National Park along with

our 3 sons and their families! It was special to see the beauty of God's creation, and the wildlife that we don't often see! A highlight was seeing two grizzly bears just inside the park! And of course, Old Faithful was amazing, as were the waterfalls, lakes and mountains! The end of May or 1<sup>st</sup> of June is a perfect time to see Yellowstone! What a special blessing and time of REST this was for us all! And it was gracious of Paul and Naomi Sondergaard to fill in for us at our church.

### WORKSHOP

With changes being made in so many homes during the last few months, the Lord has been leading Stephanie to begin an ongoing workshop to help parents to educate their children through homeschool. Stephanie and Mike have 5 children, and Stephanie has taught all of them, including their special-needs daughter, throughout their school years. Their youngest daughter graduated from high school in June and Stephanie felt the need to pass on some tips and ideas for parents who find themselves having to homeschool their own children when they have never done this before. If you know of someone who might be interested, please share this website: [www.winningathomeschool.thinkific.com](http://www.winningathomeschool.thinkific.com). We are praying the Lord will allow this ministry to grow and use it perhaps to reach families with the gospel as well as help parents to educate and train their children for the Lord!

### PRAYER & PRAISE

- + Praise the Lord for continued good health. Recent blood tests and echograms have been great! God is so good!
- + Praise the Lord for safety in travels.
- + Praise the Lord for allowing Mike to get hearing aids. This is truly a special blessing!

- + Praise the Lord for new folks attending church
- + Pray for continued guidance concerning church services and activities
- + Pray for outreach in our community.
- + Pray for continued support and financial needs. Sue has lost piano students over the summer, and other regular income is lower. But God has always been faithful and we praise HIM!

Thank you for your faithful prayers and love for the Lord and His servants. We have been praying for you folks as well during this trying time in our country and will continue to REST on His promises. We praise the Lord for each of you, and ask His blessing upon you.



In His service,

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***“Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are laborers together with God ...”***  
**I Corinthians**