



THE Kennard FAMILY

316 E. Wyandotte St.
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Dear Pastor and Church Family,

John 15:2b "...every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit

The last two months have been busy, but a time of spiritual growth as well as a time of purging in our dear church. In January we held a special men and ladies prayer breakfast. We had a good turnout for both events and plan to implement these quarterly. We hope these ministry opportunities grow moving forward and are used as a tool to invite people who may not come to a church service. Either way we feel God used it for all of us to grow closer to him and each other.

In February we held a couple's event. We were challenged to work on our marriages and to demonstrate the love of Christ in our homes in a biblical and practical way. After the weekend was over we continue to have couples express how helpful it is has been to their marriage. Satan wants nothing more but to destroy our homes and we believe working on our marriages is vitally important.

One of the most exciting things for the last couple months is one teen young man in our church has recently been burdened to reach his peers with the gospel and to help them grow in the Lord. He is asking for Bibles for around 32 young people who are in our community hungry to learn. He is currently working with another young man at school and hosting Friday night bible studies. I have had the opportunity to recently start discipling this young man and began teaching him how to develop his relationship with Christ within himself and to pass it along to those he is burdened for. It's so encouraging to know and see that God is still working even amongst our young people.

While the last two months have proven to be a time of God purging our church for his glory. Sadly, we have lost a few families that we have grown to love, but trusting God through it. We know that God works all things for good and we do see God truly growing us spiritually as a church as well as bringing new growth numerically in the process. God remains supreme and we are confident in His ability to build His church!

Please continue to pray for the people of Cottonwood Baptist Church as Satan fights and we keep moving forward in Christ for his glory. We cannot possibly share every story within this letter, but know God is answering your prayers. We see it over and over, week after week and absolutely love what God is doing here in Meriden, Ks.

Our family is doing well. We had the opportunity to use the generous Christmas love offerings many of you gave toward us for a family get-away for a few days. It is a blessing to have some time to refresh and connect as a family. We thank each of you for thinking of us during the holidays. Your prayers and financial support are why we can do what we do here. Thank you!

Sincerely,

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