



# Ben & Wendy Burks

MINISTRY UPDATE

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Hello to all our friends and supporters:

Spring has “sprung” and it’s been a challenge knowing how to pack for meetings! Since our last letter, we met weather in the 70’s along with rain in Louisiana, followed by snow in Michigan, and then in the 80’s in South Carolina. But regardless of the change in temperatures (or the changes in our world,) it is so good to know that our God and His Word NEVER change!

We had an amazing meeting with Pastor Tyler Scott and his sweet church people in Baton Rouge. It was wonderful to encourage preachers and their wives at the Louisiana Independent Baptist Fellowship. Our hearts were specially knitted to these people. After one day at home, we drove early the next morning to catch a flight to Michigan from a small airport an hour away. After several delays, we were told that we probably wouldn’t be able to fly that day (little airport = few options!) so we retrieved our luggage, got our car out of long-term parking, and began the nine-hour drive to Flushing! We were scheduled to be in their addiction meeting that night, and Wendy began a ladies’ event the next morning, and we were determined to not miss any of it! God blessed the entire weekend and, we believe, the people of Trinity Baptist Church blessed us more than we did them! We saw many friends from over the years and it is so good to see “fruit that remains” and will for all eternity! Please pray for this precious church and Pastor Ron Scott, as they are seeking God’s will for a full-time senior Pastor.

After driving the nine hours back home, we unpacked and repacked and headed for Florence, South Carolina to speak at the “Better Together” Addiction Recovery Conference hosted by Florence Baptist Temple. Corbett and Amy Stone, along with his amazing team of workers, conducted a wonderful conference for people who work in addiction recovery programs. Wendy and I were both challenged and encouraged to hear transforming sessions by Pastor Bill Monroe, Corbett Stone, Scott Cowling, Earl Sides, Mitch Gowen, and Bryan Braddock. Truly, we wish we could have heard some of these lessons earlier in ministry! We left with our “tool chest” full of scriptural and practical truths to help people struggling with addiction. If you, or someone you know, desire to help people with stubborn habits and addictions, please carve out time in your schedule to attend a conference like this one that is held annually in March. You can also attend a similar conference hosted by First Baptist Church in Bridgeport, Michigan (MAPS Conference) held annually on the first Tuesday-Thursday in August. For all of you who work in a recovery program in your church, or who desire to start one, we highly recommend attending one (if not both) of these conferences being held by churches who have been “in the trenches” for over 20 years helping hurting people with the most stubborn habits. We can promise you that you will reap the benefits of your investment!

We want to thank you, again, for your prayers and support. Wendy and I are overwhelmed with your love as we seek to “walk by faith” every day. While at “home” for a few weeks, I am filling the pulpit in Buffalo Springs and Drakes Branch, Virginia for two churches that are still without pastors. Please pray for these churches that God will send them exactly who they need in their rural communities. Then on to our next stop - Bible Baptist Temple in Stonewood, West Virginia! Everywhere we go, we desire to bring God’s truth and encouragement to God’s people. Call us today to get YOUR church on OUR schedule!

Serving Him with you,

Ben and Wendy Burks