



Ben & Wendy Burks

MINISTRY UPDATE

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Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to each and every one of you!

This is, without a doubt, our favorite time of the year! It is so refreshing to focus on all the many blessings God has given to us, with the GREATEST GIFT being celebrated on December 25 – the birth of His Son and our Savior! Take the time to PAUSE and PONDER the real reason for the season! “And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.” (Luke 2:10-11)

This year is extra special to us as grandparents as we welcome our first grandDAUGHTER into the world this week! This just adds to the JOY of the season for us! Please pray for our son, Josh, and especially his wife, Cara, and our little grandson as their family grows this week and they adjust to being a family of four. Due to our granddaughter’s arrival and Wendy’s mom’s health, we will see all our children during the month of December, but we will not be with all of them at the same time. HOWEVER...we are thrilled to announce that we see God working in each of our children’s lives. We can agree with the Apostle John when he said, “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.” (3 John 1:4)

We are currently “recovering” from a very busy October and November. Our travels took us across the country more than once! We are so thankful for all the opportunities continuing to be afforded to us. Since our last letter, we have been in multiple churches including Lighthouse Baptist of York, Pennsylvania; Community Baptist of Lexington, North Carolina; our home church – Faith Baptist of Fredericksburg, Virginia; Jordan Baptist of Lynchburg, Virginia; Cornerstone Baptist of Twin Falls, Idaho; Hope’s Point Baptist of Weston, West Virginia; Grace Baptist of Harrisonville, Missouri; and Grace and Truth Baptist of Pleasant Hill, Missouri. We also “snuck in” a sweet visit with our dear friends – Dr. and Mrs. George Crabb in Lancaster, California – as well as a little “family vacay” in Massanutten, Virginia with our kids.

We do not take for granted the privilege we have to serve God with our lives. Sharing the gospel and the HOPE of the abundant Christian life in every opportunity we are given is our greatest delight! “Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.” (Romans 15:13) And....no matter where we go or the purpose of the meeting, God opens doors for us to continue to help the addicted. Sometimes this comes in the form of meeting with an individual who is struggling, sometimes it is meeting with a pastor who desires to help those in his community, and ALWAYS it is in the plethora of phone calls we receive on a weekly basis. We are thankful for the many ministries who have kept their doors open and continue to help the addicted. “And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.” (2 Timothy 2:24-26)

As you enter the Christmas season, please keep in mind the people in YOUR community who have “burned all their bridges” and, remember, there is no better time to share the LIGHT of the world! “Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.” (John 8:12)

Serving Christ with you,

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PS – Wendy and I are trusting the Lord to guide us to the churches He wants us to visit in 2025. If we can help or encourage your church, please call us at 708-882-6085.