



THE Kennard FAMILY

January/February 2025

Dear Praying Friends,

Ecclesiastes 3:1 “To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:”

The winter months have been challenging to say the least, but we know God has had a purpose in it all. The past couple months brought a blizzard and several other snowstorms that interrupted our services or hindered many of our folks from making the drive to participate. However, it has also presented us with different avenues to minister to our church family and neighbors. We have quite a few elderly in our church that are unable to get out in the snow. Our vehicle has four-wheel drive so we went by and helped them either shovel driveways or run errands for those who couldn't get out. Also, Clayton and I had the opportunity to help our neighbor (Zach and Karen) shovel their driveway and get his wife's vehicle out of snow. We have been praying for these neighbors who are a young couple and looking for ways to minister to them. God opened a small door for now, but we are actively looking for opportunities to encourage them in the Lord and eventually we hope to lead them to Christ. The snow has definitely provided “unique” opportunities to show the love of Christ.

In the meantime, we have had quite a bit of sickness running through our church and family as is typical for this time of year. In visiting the sick we've been able to help them with projects that they have needed completed, but are unable to perform because of their illness. Again, it's been “unique” opportunities to minister.

Also in the past couple months I was able to complete a discipleship course with one of our young men who I have been working with the past six months. He is now asking about how he can bring a friend along and go through a discipleship with them. God has also opened a door of opportunity to start a new course with a man that was mentioned in our previous update. I don't believe he is saved based on his testimony he seems to be depending on good works or baptism (perhaps both). However, we believe in the power of the gospel as it is shared and presented. He is hungry to learn and we are excited to dive in to God's word together. Please pray God opens his eyes as we take the time to study in the coming weeks together. We have already seen how the devil is working to hinder him in this pursuit with his work schedule and other things that come up and discourage him from getting together on our scheduled times. God is bigger and we know God can.

Lastly, we ask you to pray with us in a music need we have in our church's music ministry. We could use help in leading, organizing, and playing for our services. We know in God's timing He always has provided and He always will.

Thank you again for taking the time to read our update as well as praying for us regularly.

Sincerely,

Andrew, Carrie, Clayton, and Sierra Kennard