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BCP BAPTIST CHURCH PLANTERS

What's new at Baptist Church Planters in January?

- Practical ways to grow your faith
- Ministry spotlights: Mitchell and Dale families



NEW ARTICLE

3 Practical Ways to Grow Your Faith This Year



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It only takes a couple of weeks into the new year for some of those “new year, new me” plans to fall by the wayside. To strike the balance between over-reliance on audacious goals and general apathy toward them, we have put together a few practical habits for fostering spiritual growth in your life this year—and every year.



JIM & JANICE MITCHELL

Revitalization of Grace Fellowship Church • Preston, ID

Jim shares future goals and recent accomplishments:

Great news! Our specific prayer request for a soul to be saved was answered! A young couple, who were baptized this fall, have been bringing a friend to church and they bought her a Bible. She has come even with some resistance from her husband. My wife has met with her a couple of times, but recently, her specific request to my wife was that she wanted to know more about Jesus. After going through the gospel with her and trying to assess her understanding of it, my wife invited her to trust Christ as her Savior. On January 23, she put her trust in Jesus alone as her Savior! Thank you so much for your prayers. Now pray for her spiritual growth and the salvation of her husband. We look forward to the next person who will trust in Christ.



In addition to this exciting news, we had a good Sunday with a full building and several visitors. We also had our annual business meeting, which went well. We had a good spirit of unity around the budget and leadership election. Our future financial goals include full-time salary for a pastor and growing the building fund for property and/or a building.



In 2022, our attendance was up 50% and our giving up 40%. We had 13 new members, eight baptisms, two parent dedications, and 30 people in one-on-one or small group discipleship. We also started our Sunday School program.

One thing that we could use help with financially is new signage for our building. The original sign is outdated and hard to see when passing on the street. That is a problem when you are located on Main Street.

Please continue to pray that God would open the door of faith for others to be saved here in Preston.



MORE ON GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

WAYNE AND SHANNA DALE Serving Grace Baptist Church • Scottsdale, AZ

Wayne shares updates on the church and his family—wife, Shanna, and children Rylee, Gloria, Claire, and Simon:

It has been exciting to see the Lord bringing new, younger couples to the church during the past two months! One young couple moved to the area and started attending at the end of November and already joined as members. Another couple attended for several months, officially joined, and now wants to be involved in the ministry.

Rylee is considering summer ministry at a camp in Maine, and then transferring to a college to study engineering. Please pray for Rylee as he makes decisions about his future.

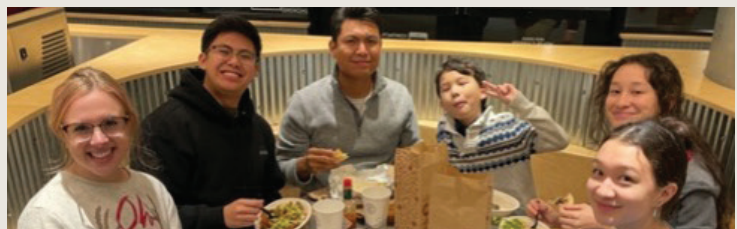
Gloria is interested in taking a year of Bible college before pursuing a degree in the medical field. She will graduate in May.

Claire is busy with basketball, youth group, and school. She also has her driver's permit. She recently had to make a pretty difficult decision and we were grateful to see her spiritual maturity in seeking counsel and prayer.

Simon was recently gifted a kid's courtside experience at the Phoenix Suns Basketball arena. He has begun taking piano lessons and has already played two piano specials at church.

Shanna is enjoying more time at home to do some gardening and help out her mom. She will be returning to work for the Brewers teaching English to their minor league players as Spring Training begins.

In December, I was preaching a series about love, joy, and peace when my computer crashed. Please pray that many files were not overwritten and that a majority of the files can be retrieved, especially with the annual business meeting at church coming up. Thank you for your continued prayers and investment in ministry!



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