

THE VAN ZANDT FAMILY

Church Planters to Rhome, Texas

Love God. Reach People. Send Laborers.

Dear Pastor & Friends,

In the months since our previous letter, our family has been reminded of the words written in 1 Corinthians 3:6-8 "(6) I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. (7) So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. (8) Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour."

August was one for the record books! In the midst of a hot and dry summer, the Lord produced spiritual fruit at Antioch Baptist Church. We celebrated the first baptism of ABC! Zaccheus (the young man baptized) accepted Christ as his Savior a couple of years back. After a month of visiting he felt led to join the church. He went through a couple of months of one-on-one discipleship, and when he was finished we met and I explained the key of baptism in joining the church. After meeting and him fully understanding the role of baptism, he told me that he wanted to be baptized so he could join the church! On August 21, 2022, Zaccheus was the first person to be baptized at Antioch Baptist Church! We rejoice to see what God is doing at Antioch Baptist Church, and we are praying that we see many more souls saved and baptized in the coming year.

September was a very refreshing month. An individual who has been visiting for some time told me that he was a licensed electrician, and he asked if he could replace a light in our parking lot and assist with other electrical things. AMEN! Immediately I said "Of course!" The day after the electrical installations that were made, we were privileged to celebrate our First Responder's Sunday to honor the First Responders in our city and the surrounding area. We had 35 in attendance with 6 police officers, 3 firefighters, and the Wise County Sheriff with his wife. Bro. Gary Cox preached a wonderful sermon about Jesus being the Greatest First Responder to ever live. Perhaps the greatest aspect of the day was the opportunity we had to present each First Responder of Rhome a Bible with their name and respective rank of service engraved on the cover.

October was a month of answered prayers. The Lord allowed our family to attend a fellowship meeting in Michigan. It was a time of spiritual filling for my family and I as we were blessed with time with great friends and preaching from God's Word! The following Sunday after we arrived home from the meeting, we immediately prepared for an unforgettable Sunday at Antioch. October 16th we had our first Baby Dedication Sunday! The Cole family dedicated their baby girl to the Lord alongside our two children that Caryssa and I dedicated to the Lord. That Sunday we had 38 in attendance, and they all were presented the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health

Our kids are getting new medication and equipment.



Membership

Please pray for us as we plug in our new members.



Services

That each service will be Christ-centered.



Outreach

Please pray for our Soul Winning efforts in 2023.



Visitors

Please pray for visitors. We have seen a steady decline in first time visitors.



