## Smoke Signals ... From the McKinneys

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Here we are in the middle of February and it feels like time is standing still. On January 9, I had a knee replacement and then we had snow days upon us and things have been moving pretty slow. I am in physical therapy at the moment for several more weeks but the knee is feeling better and the movement is improving each day.

January has brought the moisture we need and the people seem to be happy for that. I did not preach for the first three weeks even though I did attend church services as three of our own men did the preaching. They all did such a fine job as the Lord used them to minister to the people. Someone had asked me if I was going to get special speakers to fill the pulpit and I told them when Dads had to leave the family for a few days, they would always leave the older children in charge, to take care of the family. The Church family is much like that and everyone realized that we have good, strong, and spiritual men in the Church.

We still are being blessed with visitors and some are coming back and our prayers for them is to be saved and to grow in the Lord!

**February** brought me back into the pulpit doing all the services again and it was also refreshing for me. Both Sundays attendance was down since we was hit hard with snow and ice. Our Sweetheart dinner had only half of what we had last year of 45. We did have 4 visitors and that was an encouragement.

My wife and I will be on the Spokane Reservation to make plans for VBS and Revival services in August of this year. Pray that all will go well in the planning and the Tribal officials will co-operate for those dates and for the use of facilities.

We have a group coming from Oklahoma with about 25 workers to do the meeting and a desire to start a Church on that Reservation.

Pray for this meeting, we need to see a Baptist Church on that Reservation!

Pray for my wife's leg, she will be seeing a specialist this week

Pray for the Good News Club and it's attendance to stay up

Pray for the Warm Springs Reservation and it's education system

Pray for the children's ministry at church and for our teachers

Keep Looking Up,

Larry and Regina Mckinney