



**January 2018**

Dear Family and Friends:

In the service this evening, we were challenged by Hebrews 4:14-16. *“Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”* How thankful we are that God knows all we go through. He gives mercy, help, and grace! What a privilege to come to the Throne of Grace!

We began this year on our way to Wisconsin for the wedding of Naomi’s sister. It was a very busy but fun week and a half. The wedding was Christ-honoring and a beautiful testimony of God’s grace. Evangelist Gary Gillmore preached a clear salvation message and two people came to him after the service letting him know they had accepted Christ as their Saviour! Praise the Lord. God answers prayer! While in California on their honeymoon, Mike and Lydia Narloch gave out thousands of Gospel tracts. And since they returned home we are delighted to hear the sweetness of their marriage.

Naomi’s Aunt Pat from California came for the wedding and was able to be there for over a week. She went to Bible studies, every church service, and was around many Christians. Please pray for her salvation. Her heart was very tender and while she was decorating for the wedding she even wanted to purchase a Bible from the bookstore! God is working in the lives of our unsaved family!



Last week a couple from Iowa came to help with work projects around the church. They come every year and we always look forward to the blessing they are to the ministry here. Don worked on the new shed putting in electrical, insulation, and drywall. Meanwhile Patty helped organize storage and helped put some things together for VBS this summer.

So far this year, we have seen God bless in the attendance. One Sunday while we were gone Mrs. Messick had 19 kids to teach. Nearly every service we see around 15 kids come to church not including our own. While it is exciting to see so many able to hear the Gospel, it is a challenge as we deal with additional behavior and attitude issues. We praise God as we see some showing a tender heart and a desire to learn. There has also been good attendance among the adults on Sunday morning. Please pray for the salvation of Simon. He is the unsaved adult son of one of the ladies and has been coming the last couple Sundays.

Please forgive us for not keeping you updated on the ministry here. We are thankful for your faithful prayers.

**Prayer requests:**

- A complete family to start coming
- A vibrant walk with God in our lives
- Wisdom in preaching and teaching
- Valentines banquet outreach
- Ladies Bible study (Feb 5<sup>th</sup>)

**Praises:**

- Several ladies who responded to the message last Sunday
- God working in hearts through the His Word
- God’s mercies that are new every morning!

All for Jesus,  
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***“And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God,  
and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.” John 17:3***



*The Bride & Groom  
Mike and Lydia Narloch*



*“And let the beauty of the Lord our God be  
upon us; and establish thou the work of  
our hands upon us; yea, the work of our  
hands establish thou it.*

Psalm 90:17



It was such a privilege to be in the wedding. Everyone participated. We were able to sing a special as a family and Ruthanne sang a solo.



Ruthanne was excited to go to school every day for a week while we were there. She still talks about her teacher and all her friends.