

# Sondergaards

*Serving the Lord at Living Waters Baptist Church in the Verde Valley*  
**February – March 2018 Prayer Letter**



Dear Family and Friends:

Recently, we were challenged with this truth: *“Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful”* 1Cor 4:2. When we feel inadequate, overwhelmed, or even discouraged, God reminds us He is looking for faithfulness. I can take courage and respond rightly to the challenge—not because I determine to press on. Rather, I can take courage because God is always good. He is full of compassion and merciful. *“Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy”* James 5:11.

**Ladies Bible Study:** For two recent Bible studies, Naomi and Beverly invited several ladies. We were excited when many promised to come. It was disappointing, though, when only one or two showed up. But this past Monday, ten ladies came! Naomi focused the lesson on forgiveness and presented the Gospel. Please pray for Kelly and her need of salvation. Often the ladies open up like they don’t on Sunday and Naomi and Beverly are able to offer counsel from God’s Word.

**Spiritual Growth:** Some of our people seem more likely to come when regularly reminded of church. One of Hattie’s sisters began coming again on Sunday nights after Naomi texted her. After the service, she expressed thankfulness for coming because God used the message to challenge her. Bobby has been bringing several of his children and grandchildren. Please pray for the salvation of his three grandsons who are teens. They are attentive during the preaching and often ask questions afterwards.

**Salvation Praise:** Beverly and Naomi are usually with the children all day on Sunday. Although they are unable to hear the preaching, they are often able to counsel some of the children. Praise the Lord for the three brothers, Jimmy, Joni, and Alex who faithfully come every service. Recently, Joni raised his hand for salvation, expressed understanding, and by faith received God’s gift of salvation!

**God’s Work:** Our last letter mentioned Paul’s health. It seemed he was nearly healed from his breathing problem. However, in the last month or so he has again been occasionally out of breath. The doctor is working on detoxing him from heavy metals and running some more tests. Please pray for wisdom and healing. For now, Paul is not painting houses, but God continues to provide.

**Serving Together:** God is leading and making it possible for us to share the burden of the ministry with churches in the Midwest this summer. Please pray for us as we prepare. Also, please pray for the church when we will be gone. What a blessing it would be to see some of the church people becoming more involved in serving! It would also be encouraging to see God lead individuals or families to fill in while we are gone.



Art time outside!



Driving in the sunshine!



Valentine’s Banquet



Sisters together at our Valentine’s Banquet



# Prayer & Praise

## **Praises:**

- The many ladies who came to our last Bible study
- People allowing God to use His Word to work in their hearts
- The provision of a beautiful keyboard to replace the organ that didn't work
- God's protection on our ministry and our testimony
- Bobby & Margaret bringing their grandchildren and children
- Faithfulness of the three boys (Jimmy, Joni, and Alex) every service
- Joni's salvation – as far as we know all three boys are saved!
- Protection of our children and their spiritual growth.

## **Prayer Requests:**

- One complete family to become a part of our church
- Protection for Patty (church member) she has had many falls
- Outreach to the teens on the reservation
- Bobby's grandchildren – salvation
- Kelly – salvation
- Rachel – complications with diabetes
- Wisdom with Paul's health

All for Jesus,  
*Paul and Naomi Sondergaard*  
*Ruthanne, Nathan, Hannah, and Aletheia*

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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***