

CHURCH PLANTERS TO WELCH, WV

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Wow what a busy start of the New Year we've had here at Living Hope Baptist Church! In our last letter we told you about all that was saved at the Backpack giveaway and the family that came Christmas Eve and was saved in our service. Since that time, we have gained 3 families out of the people who were saved at the Backpack program, who are attending our church on a regular basis! During the months of February and March two of the teenagers from one of the families were saved as well!

We've seen an excitement and hunger for growing in the Word of God from these families and it has been a huge encouragement to our other church families as well as ours. As a church we began a discipleship series on Sunday Evenings. We are working through Paul Chappell's book "Continue." In addition to this, for several weeks we met on Friday evenings with all the new converts for extra in-depth discipleship. Praise the Lord in April we had a baptism service and baptized 5 people and had another lady join the church as well! We are so thankful for what the Lord is doing!

Due to the weather, we were unable to have our January winter revival. We got hit with lots of snow and ice. However, we were thankful in February to do a special Valentines Dinner and had our special speaker stay over for an all-day Sunday to preach and challenge our people. Our youth group on Thursday nights have continued to grow and we've seen 2 souls saved! We are also still doing our weekly services at the low-income tower apartments on Tuesday evenings!

We mentioned in our last letter to pray for our daughter. Over the past several months her and Michelle have made many trips to Columbus for testing and doctors appts. We finally have some answers and are waiting to hear when she will be able to do iron infusions which Lord willing will help her to feel better! Thank you for praying for our girl!

We've got a church scheduled to come this summer and help us with VBS. Also, in October a group is going to come and do some projects around the church to help as well as have revival services. We also will be having our summer camp meeting in July and our Back-to-School Revival in August as well as taking some of our young kids to church camp with Teays Valley Baptist Church. We have an extremely busy summer planned! We would love to have you and your church come and help us knock on doors and pass out tracts. If you are interested in bringing a group to help us reach this area, please contact me to set up a time! It would be a huge blessing!

Thank you for faithfully continuing to pray for and support the work here in Welch. All of this could not be accomplished without your faithfulness! Please continue to pray for our family that the Lord would continue to give us strength and grace to do the work He has set before us!

In Christ,

Pastor Mike Blake

Phil 4:13

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