

March '23 Newsletter

We would like to welcome you to the Antioch Baptist Church Planters (ABCP) newsletter. The purpose of this newsletter is to share updates and prayer needs within our ministry. More importantly, to be praying for the churches we encounter. For more information about us please visit our website at www.abcplanters.org.

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Creation Conference with Bro. Jonathan Stewart at ABC in Rhome



Acts 14:26:

And thence sailed to Antioch, from whence <u>they</u> had been recommended to the grace of God for the work which <u>they</u> fulfilled.

Big News!

Many things have happened since our last newsletter (sorry for the delayed update), but there is one thing that stands above the rest.

On Tuesday, January 24, 2023, the Dotys' youngest son, Gage, accepted Christ as his Savior! Gage is eight years old and has been asking questions for some time. Once he was saved, he was very eager to call everyone he could and tell them the news. He said, "I just feel so much better now!"

Please keep Gage in your prayers as he grows in his faith and learns to walk daily with the Lord.

The Work in Northlake:

Bro. Jacob Luman and his family continue to work with Bro. Chad Fitts at Arise Baptist Church in Northlake, TX. Bro. Luman reports that the church has seen three new visitors coming, a couple named Lou and Jeannie, and their son, James.

The highest need for Arise at the moment is funds for a permanent meeting place. They are currently meeting in the home of one of the members, for which they are grateful. However, it does make it hard to get visitors to attend without a building or meeting place that is a more public setting. Bro. Chad was able to attend the Heartland Church Planters Conference and was able to secure a one-time love offering of \$18,000.00, as well as \$1,300.00 in monthly support that will help with this need.

The church is currently planning a visit to the Institute for Creation Research's Discovery Center as a complement to the Apologetics and Creation series that they have been going over in Sunday School.

The Work in Rhome:

As the popular saying goes, "All good things must come to an end." Our time at Rhome has ended. Sunday, February 26, 2023, was the one year anniversary of the Grand Opening, and was also our last Sunday at Antioch Baptist Church. Please keep this church in your prayers, as it is near and dear to our hearts.

Pastor Heath Van Zandt is also in the process of trying to secure a permanent building. They currently rent the property that they are occupying, and the lease will end in September. The property that he is looking at has a church building on it, as well as acreage to expand in the future.





The Work in the Future:

Please pray for us as we are in discussions with Pastor Tyler Gillit of Worth Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas, about partnering with them to plant a church in the DFW area. The DFW metroplex is rapidly growing and we need solid, Bible believing, Baptist churches to accommodate the growth. Please do not overlook the United States of America as a mission field!

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please notice that our support address has changed to a PO Box.

Prayer Answered!

For many months, we have had Hannah Leake, daughter of Pastor J. D. Leake (Harvest Baptist Church, Allen, Texas) on the prayer list. She is 15 years old and was battling MALS for two years. It took well over a year to even have her diagnosed. Hannah was able to have the surgery that she so desperately needed on February 13, 2023. She still has a long road to full recovery, but praise the Lord for His faithfulness in leading her to a doctor willing to help! Please keep the Leake family in your prayers.