



April, 2024

April presented new opportunities for us. We're thankful for how the Lord is allowing us to serve. We held our first funeral service at Ogallala Baptist Church. We continue to see the ability of God's Word to provide direction and answers in counseling. We have also been blessed to see friendships and a desire to be in God's house grow.

In March, Ric's (one of our members) mother passed away. While she had been in declining health for months, and her death had been anticipated, it did not make her passing easy. She lived in Colorado, so I never had the opportunity to meet her, but Ric was confident that she had a testimony of Salvation. This was the first funeral service we have held at Ogallala Baptist Church, and my first funeral to conduct. We packed some 60 people into our building and using Psalm 97 and Psalm 23 (passages dear to Ric and his mother), I had the opportunity to present the Gospel to all that attended. It was a learning experience and I appreciate the gracious nature of Ric and his family during this difficult time.

We have been blessed to be able to offer counsel to some at Ogallala Baptist Church. While the situations and backgrounds vary significantly, God's Word has continually proven to be the sole source for guidance. My wife and I are thankful for the opportunity to help people and thankful that we don't have to come up with the answers, we simply point them to the Bible and have been rejoicing over the work God is doing. Please continue to pray for us to have wisdom and those we are counseling.

We were extremely encouraged to see one of the ladies (Amanda) that regularly attends Sunday Morning, bring a friend with her this month. She shared that she had been working on bringing her to church for several weeks. Also, there was a Sunday this month when Amanda had a prior engagement scheduled during Sunday Morning service time. She was able to take a break from her obligation to attend church. We are so encouraged to see such a desire in her life.

We have some that attend that have expressed some things that would be beneficial to them. While they aren't anything significant, they communicate to us a desire to participate in the services and hear God's Word. One person expressed that a large print hymnal would help them during our singing. So the next day we bought five (all they had), because if a large print hymnal will encourage someone to sing out, we certainly want to help with that. Another person shared with us that they would be out of town and wanted to know if we recorded or posted our services online. While it is very basic at this point, we now record 3 of our services each week and have the previous week's services on our website.

We praise God for the growth we are seeing in the lives of the people God has brought our way and look forward to what is coming in the months ahead.

Prayer Requests

- Summer outreach plans
- Continued strengthening of relationships at church and spiritual growth
- Wisdom in counseling and Bible studies

Regards,

