

THE VAN ZANDT FAMILY

Church Planters to Rhome, Texas

Love God. Reach People. Send Laborers.

Dear Pastor & Friends,

Since our last update there have been seasons of trials, but thank God we have experienced many triumphs as a family and church. I am reminded of what Peter states in 1 Peter 4:12-13 "(12) Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: (13) But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy." Peter is writing about suffering, to a group of sufferers, about the One who suffered. I am reminded that it is because of his suffering that we can be joyful and triumphant!

As many of you remember we had a rather wet spring into early summer. Throughout the course of those months our building flooded several times. There were several times we had to vacuum out water and put fans on the drywall to prevent molding. Unfortunately, the last flood caused severe damage to several things in our church office, storage rooms, and even some classrooms. There was even a time where we had to hold services in our foyer. Although, this was a setback, it allowed our church family to grow stronger.

Our church suffered a great loss by losing our longest standing member of ABC. Sue Hulkenberg went home to be the Lord, and I preached my first funeral. Although, this was a time of mourning, we rejoice knowing where she is and that we will see her again! Please pray for her husband of 45 years, John, who is a faithful member and trustee.

I have seen in my short tenure of ministry, and Scripture supports, that often great triumphs follows seasons of tragedy or trials! Greatest of all, we have seen a couple of people trust Christ as their Savior! We have seen several join the church, a couple of individuals have been baptized, and we have had several members complete our discipleship course. Lastly, God blessed us with our largest attendance on record for Antioch Baptist Church! On August 11th we had our Back to School Sunday, and we had 110 people in attendance with over 50 of those being children! Through this single event we have had several return, several interested in membership, and an increased excitement about the future of ABC! To God be the glory!

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Would you pray with us about our parking lot? The parking lot is one of the biggest sources of flooding for our building. Not only is it a problem for flooding, it is in major need of "repair" and restoration. Unfortunately, due to years of neglect, nearly the entire area is in need of care, and we are seeking the most cost effective solution. Through extensive research and speaking to several contractors, I have been lead to believe that it would be better to invest in a concrete parking lot rather than an asphalt one. Repairs seem to be nearly impossible at this point. However, the cost of concrete and labor would be beyond anything we could ever afford. Please join us in prayer about this situation as we seek wise counsel and better understanding.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health

Pray for Silas's liver levels. They are higher than normal.



Membership

Pray that our visitors will become members of ABC.



Services

That each service will be Christ-centered.



Outreach

Please pray for our Soul Winning efforts in 2024.



Discipleship

Please pray for our members as we plug them into discipleship.



Father's Day





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IN FAMILY NEWS....

Salem and Silas both have medical insurance now! They also have both been granted a wish through the Make-a-Wish foundation.

In early June, we had a major scare with Silas finding out (the hard way) that he is allergic to tree nuts. Thank the Lord we were able to get to the hospital when we did!

Salem and Silas have now been on Trikafta for 6 months, and for the most part things are going well. However, we are asking for you to please pray with us about Silas's liver levels. They are trending very high, and unfortunately his new specialist is not willing to take special notice or precaution until a certain point in which permanent damage could already exist. Please pray that his levels would come down and balance out on their own, and that the doctors would provide some sort of game plan to reduce his high liver levels.

Thank you once again for your continued support, investment, and concern for our ministry and family!

In Christ,

Pastor Heath Van Zandt and Family

Romans 11:36 "For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen."

ANSWERED PRAYERS

Monthly Support

God has provided additional support that was lost!



Family

Both our kids now have insurance!



Soul Winning

We have seen several people saved just this year!



Discipleship
We have had several begin discipleship. We have also had 2 complete the course!



Growth

We have had several first time visitors!



Mother's Day

Back To School Sunday







