



THE VAN ZANDT FAMILY

Church Planters to Rhome, Texas

Love God. Reach People. Send Laborers.

Dear Pastor & Friends,

As we enter into the new year of 2025, I began to think about all the many ways God has richly blessed me, my family, and Antioch Baptist Church in 2024. We serve a faithful God and He promises to provide our every need. This year I am reminded of what the book of Hebrews says in Hebrews 12:1-3 "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, (2) Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. (3) For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds." This year there will be trials, but there will also be triumphs. The only way that we can endure such difficulties is if we faint not and renew our mind and heart in our Savior, for without Him we can do nothing!

2024 was a great year, and the Lord provided with record attendance in August with 110 present in our Back to School Sunday. In 2024, We had 87 guests come to our services, 45 of those guests returned for several services, and 12 of those guests joined our church. We passed out 10,000 Gospel tracts or Gospel literature. We saw 6 souls saved during our church services, and 4 souls saved through our evangelistic outreach. We had 5 people baptized and a couple who are still waiting to be baptized this year. With the blessing of a faithful family, we received a donation of a 15 passenger van and began a bus route in August in which we pick up 4 kids every week. We had our 2nd Annual Fall Festival, and we had 45 come through and several who were visitors. We rejoice with all the many things God has done for ABC!

In 2025 would you pray alongside us and watch as God moves to answer the prayers of His faithful saints? We will be starting a Youth Group this year with the faithful leadership of Bro. Trenton Cole. He has been directing our Children's Ministry for the previous 3 years and has done a phenomenal job at teaching our children the Scriptures with a focus on Christ. Bro. Trenton Cole will begin teaching our Teens on Sunday Morning and Sunday Evening. Also, a desire of mine has been to not have to work a Part time job to assist our family. It has been my goal and focus to be able to be fully supported by the end of 2025 so that I am better able to Pastor as I feel the Lord is leading. Would you please pray that God would see Antioch Baptist Church "Thrive in 2025" and see many souls saved, sanctified, and sent for God's glory? I am asking that you please consider supporting and/or continuing to support the work in Rhome, TX for another year. With the acquisition of our permanent building (which had a lot of neglect), and increased inflation operating costs have been higher than anticipated. However, God has blessed in ways I cannot even begin to explain to provide for His Church this past year, and we have never been without!

In closing, please read the letter attached from my sending Pastor. I am grateful for Santa Fe Baptist Church and the leadership of Pastor Tony Thomas. They have been a great model of what a sending church should be.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health

Please pray for God's protection in this sick season.

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Growth

ABC will grow Spiritually and numerically.

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Services

That each service will be Christ-centered.

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Outreach

Pray we can reach the staggering amount of new move ins.

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Support

Please pray for our monthly support.

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Message From My Pastor

1/3/2025 Dear Pastors and supporting Churches,

Thank you for your financial and prayer support for Bro. Heath Van Zandt, at Antioch Baptist Church in Rhome, TX over the last three years. During this time God has blessed with many souls saved, baptized, and added to the church. They currently average 45-60 in attendance. God also blessed the church with a beautiful building in August 2023. With the expense of the new building, we are praying for continued financial support for Antioch Baptist. I ask that you pray if God would have you help out in this area. Any level of support would be a blessing. Again, thank you for taking part, and being a blessing, in what God has done in Rhome, TX!

Regards,

Pastor Tony Thomas

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