

Laboring for the Laborers

Ron & Val Berrus Update

July 2018



Praises

Progress in ministries & Church Building Plans

Prayer

That more souls come to Christ Building process to continue with wisdom, unity and clear direction

Family

Josh and Liana

Very busy with life and ministry. The kids are healthy and doing well. Their church just called a new lead pastor,

Jason & family

First Baptist of Hacienda Heights, CA just called Jason as their associate pastor.

Dan and Janelle

Busy with youth trips, missions trip, travelling, serving. Their church is calling a new lead pastor soon.

Jeremy and Erica

Along with work and parenting, they are engaged in Small Group, Bible Studies, serving as Deacon and wife, and more.

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Preaching

<http://www.niemonds.org/sermons>



Vacation Bible School

We partner with another local church, The Bunkertown Church of the Brethren, for Vacation Bible School. Since our building was destroyed by fire in January of 2017, the Bunkertown Church has been so generous to us! We hold our mid-week prayer meeting, junior youth group, Val's ladies Bible study, fellowship meals, building committee meetings, and more at their facility. Last year Niemonds Church assisted Bunkertown in a combined VBS that went extremely well. So this year we are again partnering the last week of July for VBS. I am teaching the 11 yr olds, as well as doing an opening presentation on the children's ministry in Mongolia sponsored by First Church in UlanBataar, the church I have preached at on my last two missions training trips. It is exciting to combine local and international outreach at the same time. Hopefully three of the pastors we work with in Mongolia will be making a brief trip to the US in October. We hope to introduce them to the church family during a mid-week gathering at that time. Please pray for God to open the hearts of many unchurched children and bring them to us for VBS this year.

Child Evangelism Fellowship of Centre County

Please pray for the family of Centre/Clinton County CEF Director Chris Smith, who went home to be with the Lord last month following heart-valve surgery. While this was known to our God, it was very unexpected for his family, and for his ministry partners with CEF. Their summer ministry is in full swing, so please pray for God to comfort, encourage, and direct and sustain during this crucial time.

Niemonds Independent Church

Thanks so much for you prayers. We have moved forward with two unanimous votes on our contractor and initial financing for the design phase. We are in the midst of many, many decisions regarding the design of the building and financial matters. Pray that God will give wisdom, unity, and clear leading as we make these decisions over these next several weeks.

Summer Opportunities

The summer months allow us many unique opportunities to meet with families of our youth, our leadership, our neighbors, and our community. Pray that we will develop good relationships with both our church folks as well as our community and neighbors. God continues to open doors.

We want to say a very special "Thank You" for your faithful friendship and prayers for us. Nothing of eternal value happens apart from God's answers to His people's prayers! You are such a treasure to us. May God bless you greatly as you follow Christ through the coming days as we await His return.

In Christ's amazing grace, Ron & Val