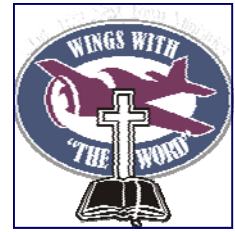


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Church family
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Our house and barn under
all the snow

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Calvary Baptist Church

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Spring? Did someone mention spring? Not up here! We are still covered with snow. The Lord has blessed us this year with over 16 total feet of snow. We have not had a winter like this in over 10 years. In the beginning of winter our son, Benjamin, was fervently praying for snow. Now we earnestly ask him to please stop. We are praying for spring to arrive.

Our church is thriving. We give God the glory for all that is being accomplished. We have seen a young single mother gloriously saved. Nicole and her two sons have been a blessed addition to our church. We also had a middle aged lady, Susan, saved on a Wednesday night. Praise the Lord!

We were given a baptistery by a closing church. We were able to place it in our cellar. Mr. Doug Nason, who is a wood-worker, finished the outside in oak. It is a beautiful addition to our building. We have had the privilege of baptizing 3 new converts. To God be the Glory!

Our Master Club for kids is still proving to be a success. We average 50-60 each Friday night with a high attendance of 80. This is a won-

derful outreach and teaches the truths of the Bible to many children.

The church on Islesboro is growing. In January, we commissioned and moved the Schoppe family to the island. They felt the call of God to go and live and become the pastor of the church once it is established. We have had a high attendance of 14. We regularly have between 5-14 each week. The Schoppes have met and made many friends there and we are believing God that He is going to build a strong work there on Islesboro.

We have had the privilege for the last 2 years to have Pastor & Mrs. Bernard Antonis as members of our church. They were without a pastorate and have been wonderful members and friends. On February 24, 2008, we commissioned them to go out from Calvary Baptist Church and start the Faith Baptist Church in Kennebunk, Maine. They held their first service on March 2, 2008. They are having about 10-15 in attendance each week. What a blessing to see both of these churches being started out from our mission-hearted church here in Sanford.

We held our first "Teen Jubilee" this month. We invited 15 different churches from Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts. Some as far away as two hours. We had five churches make the drive and join us. Each church had two teens that participated in our quiz bowl competition. They had studied John 14 and were asked 20 questions from the chapter. The team who correctly answered the most went home with a \$50 cash prize. Our own teens, Michaila Blaisdell and Megan Millette were the winners. After the quiz bowl we had preaching by Pastor James Wiley from Church Hill Baptist. We finished the night with ping-pong, games and tacos. What a wonderful night!

We are looking forward to our upcoming Revival with Eva. Byron Foxx from Bible Truth Music. We will be having nightly services, a Saturday choir clinic, door-to-door visitation, cottage prayer meetings, and an expectation of the great things God is going to do.

Be much in prayer for Calvary Baptist Church as we strive to reach as many souls as possible with the greatest story ever told, the story of Jesus.

Wings with “The Word”

****Note** If you are interested in being part of “Operation Saturation-East” Please contact me or Anchor Baptist Ministries. We can use everyone’s help in this huge outreach.**

We continue to use the plane to get to the island of Islesboro each week. Most weeks we try to fly up to disciple the Schoppe family, encourage them, and help them visit. Then we fly up again on Sunday afternoon to be in their 2 pm service. This is a great tool that allows us to be in our own service and on the island each week. We have had some difficulties with the snow. The runway on Islesboro does not always get plowed. We are currently trying to get this corrected.

Our family just returned from flying the recently obtained Cessna 402 to North Carolina. We flew down to be in Anchor Baptist Ministries’ yearly Share-a-thon. What a great week. We had services at 10 am, 2 pm, and 7 pm every day. In between services we were privileged to fly any pastor, missionary or their families. Many people took advantage of the opportunity to ride in the 402. We were also able to have the Cessna 310 there on site. Anchor Baptist Ministries is located just across the street from the Transylvania, NC airport.

Our Family

Thanks to everyone that has prayed for Abigail. What a blessing it was to us to hear of the prayers that have been prayed for her! Almost everywhere we went in North Carolina there was someone who told us of their prayers on her behalf. It was really an encouragement and a blessing to our entire family.

The kids enjoyed being able to visit with their grandparents, cousins, and friends. We also enjoyed being in Siler City at Community Baptist Church for their mission conference. There, we were able to see old friends and make new ones. Thank you, Community Baptist, for taking our family on for monthly support and prayer support.

It was also good to visit our sending church, Maple Grove Baptist. Thanks to each of you for your love, support and prayers over

We continue to plan for “Operation Saturation– East” to take place this summer. Our current goal is to take one mission flight each month. We have many churches that have teams that are ready and waiting to go. We hope to load both twin engine planes (the 402 and the 310) with supplies, gospel literature, and people. Then, we will target a town and saturate as many homes as possible with the literature. The literature will advertise a special meeting at the end of the week along with the plan of salvation. We hope to see people come out, souls saved, and be able to find a church-planter or pastor that wants to go to that town and continue building a work. This is going to be a huge operation! We are so excited to even think of the lives that will be touched, the souls that will be saved and the churches that will be started from this ministry. We will continue to go to these towns with the planes and help these missionaries, or keep the people encouraged until we can find a missionary to come. We are praying daily for the Lord to send la-

borers into His harvest. Help us pray for teams, the planes, funds, and laborers.

the years. We are proud to be your missionaries.

We were glad to be home and back on the battlefield. We returned to mounds of fresh snow. We had accumulated an additional two feet while we were away. The kids enjoy sledding in our backyard and we were all excited to get back to our regular routine.

Please keep us in your prayers. In all of our years serving the Lord in Maine starting churches, we have never faced such trying times. It seems Satan does not want a church in Sanford, Maine. We are the 26th missionary family that has come to Sanford with starting a church as their goal. There is currently not any other Independent, fundamental Baptist Church in our town. Most of them folded after 3 years. We are cur-

rently in our fourth year and we endure the warfare daily. We have been encouraged and are encouraged but we have also been discouraged and have suffered rumors, lies, and opposition. Please hold our family up in prayer that we might be strong for the Lord and see this work started and then many others started all over New England and Canada for the Glory of God!

Serving the Lord in Maine,

Bro. Bell

James 1:2-3 “My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.”

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