

Dear Faith Baptist Church,

Jodi and I feel blessed to have you as a prayer partner. Thanks for lifting us up in prayer. We feel God has given us a time of refreshing. We have experienced a relief in the struggles of planting the church as we were able to purchase our home. We had faced a tenuous situation of facing moving again and not really knowing if we should unpack or not. Also the opportunity to take a break last week with the family and camp and hike in the Porcupine Mountains for a few days was a time to be refreshed as well.

The transition to the Phelps Middle School to meet for services has gone well. The school has received us in and given us the opportunity to have more refreshments and a better children's ministry area. We praise God that most folks have found their way over to where we are now meeting. The janitors have been a blessing with helping us set up each week.

There have been signs of life at CrossBridge Church. There was a luncheon for newer families one Sunday that was very encouraging to get to know each other. An older couple that had given up on church years ago, needed some help with brush and work around their house, we sent a team of people out to minister to them and it was encouraging to the couple and to see about 8 people show up to help out. This comes at the end of our series from the Book of James as we have decided to be doers of the Word and not hearers only. *Loving God, Loving our neighbor, and Serving the world* is our Mission. We praise God for the gift from Bethel Baptist Church in Ellison Bay that helped to purchase the materials for the bathroom at the youth center.

***Praise and Prayer Requests:***

One couple particularly needs God's grace. We are praying for Chris and Amy Gendren, as Amy has been found to have cancer. Please pray for her healing. We have seen some healing in marriages that were struggling.

CrossBridge Church praises God and congratulates Chris & Kate Welters as they were married on June 28<sup>th</sup>. We are praying for God's blessing on them for their first year of marriage.

Our son Mark is turning 17 this week and we are so proud of him and the joy he brings to our family. He is one of the hardest workers I have seen. Mark is very diligent and helpful as he sets up church each week without complaining, as well as runs the sound system. This church plant has been a team effort and Mark has been a huge blessing. We praise God for Mark. Mark is helping to build a radio station as a part time job, doing carpentry among other things. Happy Birthday Mark!

Our son Todd is Graduating from High School on Saturday July 17<sup>th</sup>. We are proud of Todd's diligence to complete high school and the desire he shows for excellence is honorable. Todd is gifted in so many ways. Todd has been leading our worship ministry team each week. A big responsibility for an 18 year old. Todd has stepped up to the plate each week with confidence and helped to bring people into a focus of worship.

We praise God for his incredible Grace that is powerful to save. Please pray for salvations in the days to come.

In Christ's Grace,

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