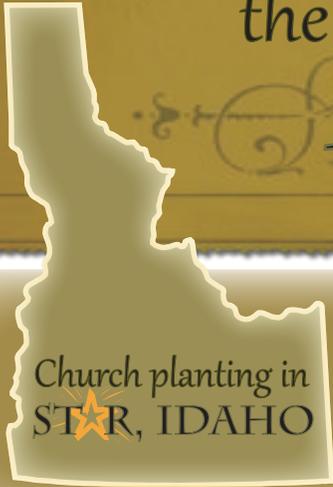


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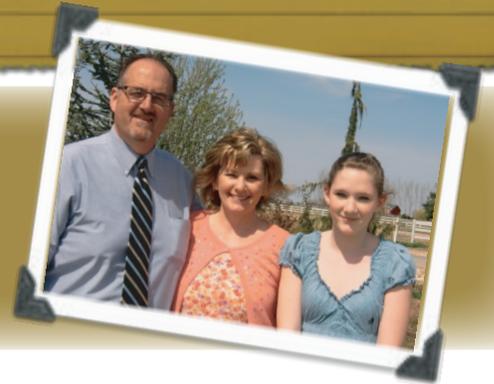
the AKERS family

Jerry, Lori, & Hannah



"Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

Ephesians 3:21



Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you for the continued faithful support of the Lord's work here in Star, ID! God has blessed Star Baptist Church with 19 churches from all over the US that partner with us financially and uphold us in prayer, along with countless individuals who pray for us. May the Lord bless all of you!

Church Life—Prayer Requests

In 2015 our theme was *"By Faith."* At the beginning of 2015 we asked the Lord to help us grow in this area of our individual Christian lives, and corporately as a *"church of the living God."* Throughout the year we focused on faith in the preaching/teaching ministry, as well as memorizing a Bible passage on faith each month. The majority of our folks memorized all 12 passages, following David's personal practice of hiding God's Word in their hearts (**Psalm 119:11**). Praise God!

In the first PM service of 2016 I introduced our new theme, *"Call Unto Me,"* and preached a message on prayer from **Jeremiah 33:3**. During the coming year we plan to focus on this particular area of our spiritual lives. In His sermon entitled *The Golden Key of Prayer*, Charles Spurgeon made this observation relative to our prayer experience...

"Most Christians, as to the river of experience, are only up to their ankles; some others have waded till the stream is up to their knees; a few find it chest high; and but a few—oh, how few!—find it a river to swim in, the bottom of which they cannot touch."

I'm afraid that we know more **about** prayer than we currently **practice** in our lives. We are asking God to help us **grow deeper** in our prayer life this year. Please pray for us in this matter! The deeper we grow in our prayer life, the more useful/effective we will be in accomplishing God's work here in Star, ID.

Family Life—Prayer Requests

The Lord allowed me to spend a month (9/7-10/7) in Virginia helping to care for my dear mother. Since Dad went home to be with the Lord in September 2011, three of my siblings have been Mom's caregivers. I plan to travel back to Virginia for several short visits in 2016 to help care for Mom and to give my two sisters and brother a little respite. I was also able to report to three of our supporting churches during that visit. It was a blessing to have two faithful men in our church, Steve Corman and Steve Clymer, take care of the preaching/church during my absence. We have three men in our small church who are able to handle the Word of God and willing to be used of the Lord in this manner. Praise God!

Hannah made the decision to remain at home and pursue a degree in Business from Idaho State University through their Online Program. She is currently working part time at Kohl's, but would like to gain employment in a field such as banking that would give her some practical business experience. Please pray for her as she continues her education and seeks God's path for her life.

Please pray for God's continued use of and blessings upon His work here in Star, ID in the year 2016!

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