

the AKERS family

Jerry, Lori, & Hannah

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Church planting in
STAR, IDAHO

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

Ephesians 3:21



Dear Praying Friends,

As we approach the one year anniversary of Star Baptist Church (July 7, 2013) and reflect on the past year, we can echo the sentiment of the Psalmist:

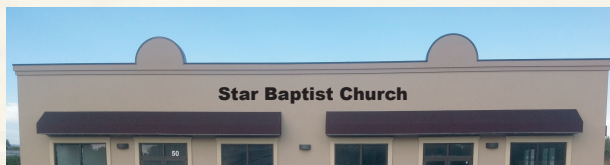
"The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." Psalm 126:3

As is always the case, when God is blessing, our "adversary the devil" (1 Peter 5:8) ratchets up his attempts to hinder or thwart God's work. Since our Charter Signing Service and last prayer letter in March, we have had to exercise Biblical church discipline on a young couple who refused to obey the Lord's directive in **Matthew 19:6** "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder." We have also been denied a tax exemption on our property for the 2014 tax year by the Ada County Board of Commissioners due to a clause in the tax code which stipulates that the property must be "occupied" on January 1, 2014 to qualify for the exemption. We are appealing the decision, so please make this a special matter of prayer. With that said, we are confident that God's good hand of blessing will continue upon His work here in Star and that He will give us wisdom and victory as we "fight the good fight of faith" (1 Timothy 6:12).

Here are a couple of blessings Star Baptist Church has experienced over the past few months:

☆ In April I was able to attend the 24th Annual Northwest Bible Conference at Summerville Baptist Church (Pastor Franklin Humber) in Summerville, OR. This is always a great time of spiritual challenge and fellowship. From the churches represented at the conference, we received \$450.00 toward the expense of signage for the facade of our building. We have purchased the lettering and will be installing it soon--Lord willing.

☆ In June we enjoyed a visit from Pastor Scott Blair (Willow Grove Independent Baptist Church, Waynesburg, PA) and his lovely family. Pastor Blair preached in the AM service and his family joined us for lunch before starting their journey home to PA. It was a blessing to have a supporting church from the east come out to see what the Lord is doing in the west!



How the signage will look when installed

We are looking forward to having Dr. Thomas Strouse (Bible Baptist Church, Cromwell, CT) coming out to teach a Bible Baptist Theological Seminary module on Bibliology the first week of August. In conjunction with his visit, Star Baptist Church will be holding an ordination service for one of our faithful men, Steve Corman. Both myself and Brother Steve received training under Dr. Strouse at Tabernacle Baptist Bible College & Seminary in Virginia Beach, VA many years ago. Steve and his wife Sheri have been a great help in the planting of SBC--we are so thankful for the opportunity to ordain Steve and have Dr. Strouse's participation.

Thank you for your faithful prayer support!

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Prayer Requests

- ☆ Please pray for the members of SBC to be burdened for the lost, empowered and emboldened by the Holy Ghost, and zealous in evangelizing the lost.
- ☆ Please pray for the Lord to build his work in Star, ID into a self-supporting church so that the financial support from our partners can be redirected to other church planters.

Praises

- ☆ Special offerings given over the past few months that are being used for finish work and ongoing expenses!

Long Hill Baptist Church of Trumbull, CT (Pastor Robert Hammond)-
-\$250.00

First Baptist Church of Pasco, WA (Pastor David Dillsworth)-
-\$500.00

- ☆ Prayer Baptist Church, Orleans, NE (Pastor Michael David) added as one of our supporting churches!

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