

IBM Executive Director's Highlights Fall 2017

Arabic Baptist Church, (Oak Park), Dr. Fady Yasso and Allie

Fady has completed his residency at the Detroit Medical Center after working long hours at the center and started at St John's Providence Medical Center as a medical doctor. He will be working out of the Providence Medical Center as a Doctor of Internal Medicine and Primary Care. Thank you for your prayers in this long journey for Fady to become an MD. He plans to continue his Pastorate of the Arabic Baptist Church. He will now have more availability to minister to his church. The church continues to hold a Tuesday night bible study. The bible study has been growing recently. Fady also holds a bible study in his home for physicians that he has met at the various hospitals. The church continues to host a bible study called Side by Side for doctor's wives at the First Baptist of Oak Park monthly. As many as 40 physician's wives of all backgrounds attend the study. Please pray for Allie as she works at the hospital as a social worker. Pray for continued outreach to the Chaldeans / Arabic speaking people of the Detroit area. The church has a Kurdish man attending the church who goes back to his home in Iraq from time to time to minister the Word. Pray for his safety. Please pray for the protection of the church leaders and attenders because there have been always threats made against them.

Faith Bible Church (White Cloud), Pastor Bob Ziebarth and Sharyne

Pastor Bob reports that Vacation Bible School went well with 23 children in attendance and had a total of 18 helpers. It was held on June 25th through the 29th from 6:00 pm to 8:15 pm. Rev. Thomas and Evelyn Bump led the VBS. A man in the church invited a friend from work to Sunday school and church. Pastor Bob said, "The visitor approached me wanting to become a Christian. I used the Romans road after which the man asked Christ into his life, praise the Lord. I have been meeting with him and his friend for a bible study every Wednesday". A church picnic was held August 12th at the church. The church had a work day, with three fourths of the outside church being power washed and cracks were filled in the parking lot. Attendance in Sunday school and church has been very positive. Adult Sunday school class is growing. Lights in the fellowship hall have been repaired. The church is in need of folding chairs. Prayer requests: Please pray for Bob's wife, Sharyne. She has arthritis. Please pray that the church family would invite others to Sunday school and church. Pray that men would attend the Men's retreat at Pleasant Valley Bible Camp on September 8-10 and men's breakfast on Saturday, September 23rd. A Family Night is planned for Sunday, September 17th 5:00pm at the church. Please pray that believers would get serious about their faith and live it. Pray for souls to be saved and for converts to desire to be discipled.

Family Bible Church (Mendon), Pastor Keith Kettwich and Pam

This past summer the church held their church services at the outdoor park in downtown Mendon. The church services on Sunday morning have drawn a great deal of attention from the community. One man driving by stopped to see what was happening and was very pleased that a church service was being held at the park. He wanted to give an offering for the church. The church has had up to 90 people in attendance for the services at the park. There have been new families attending with individuals getting saved. Pastor Keith reported that the Antioch School is going very well. He said, "Two of our young men are working on their Bachelor and Masters of Ministry degrees and we currently have 10 individuals participating in classes on a weekly basis. These ten have spent over 300 class hours examining and discussing Acts, the Pauline Epistles, and the Essentials of Sound Doctrine and how it translates into our responsibility in Mendon, our surrounding communities and a global impact". Please pray for Pam

who suffers with rheumatoid arthritis. Pray also for their children, Michael & Madeline. Please pray for the Antioch school and for the church's outreach in the community.

Fellowship Bible Church (Mason), Pastor Jeff Haynes and Amber

Pastor Jeff reports, "Things are going well." Jeff found an additional job working fulltime as a staffing consultant with a Christian based company. Jeff states that it has been a wonderful growing opportunity for him. He says it has been good for the church as it has forced some of the others in the body to step up which has been very healthy. They continue to strive to be an outreach based church, both modeling and sharing the gospel in every way they can and are looking for ways to reach their local community. Things are holding steady numbers wise at the church and their finances are beginning to creep up slowly. Please pray for Pastor Jeff and Fellowship Bible Church in Mason. Please pray for Jeff's wife, Amber, as she works a fulltime job. Also please pray for their daughter, Hannah. Please pray for opportunities to connect in the community of Mason. The Dart Company is expanding in Mason and will be hiring several people in the future. Pray that Pastor Jeff and the church could have an outreach to new people moving in the community.

Fellowship Bible Church (Stephenson), Pastor Ben Fox & Amber

Pastor Ben reports that many good and positive things are happening at the church. The church has elected two new deacons. The youth group continues to grow with 16-22 attending the meetings. The church now has a good youth group leader, a graduate from Northern. Thanks for your prayers in that regard. Sunday school now has four adult classes. They have a couple new families attending the church. One young lady received Christ as Savior and is now attending the bible study twice a month. Parenting classes have been started with 8 individuals attending. The leaders of the church are considering starting a young couple's fellowship and perhaps a college age group. Ladies bible study has 16 attending. Please pray for the Pastor Fox, Amber and their 7 children. Please pray for outreach opportunities and the continued growth of the church. Many wonderful things are happening at Fellowship Bible.

Lakefield Baptist, McMillian

Pastor Peters and I are communicating about a church plant near Newberry MI. Over a year ago, Pastor Peters started a special event called "Even Song" in the surrounding area of McMillan and Newberry. This special event is held at various locations on Sunday night. The event centers on music and some preaching. On occasion nearly 100 people have attended. It has been determined that 40% of the individuals who attend the event do not attend a church. Their desire is to eventually plant a church from this group. There are several retired pastors who attend his church that are willing to assist in a church plant. In our recent conversation, Pastor Peters said he would like to find an intern that could train with him and eventually become the pastor of the future church plant. After establishing a permanent place of meeting and growing a group of people, then they would look to IBM to assist in the church plant.

Rev. Bob Cosby, Executive Director of the Independent Bible Mission