

# “Preaching and Establishing Churches”

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**Praises:**

Building Improvements!

Prayer Warriors

God's Presence!

**Prayer Request:**

Our family

Camp Meeting

Mailing Campaign

Continued Building improvements

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Preaching and Establishing churches in the Norwood, NC area and beyond

Financial Provision

**JD and Janessa praying together at their Wedding**



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Heb 12:23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

2022 came in with unforgettable challenges. January and February was one week after another of attack and crisis which resulted in reducing our church plant to 3 locally. We had reached the point of not knowing what God wanted us to do. Our youngest son JD was getting married to Janessa Pineda in Albuquerque, NM in March. After seeking the Lord my wife and I decided we would go on an extended trip while going to the wedding that we might have time to get away and seek the Lord.

What a trip! We were able to attend our son's wedding in Albuquerque, NM. On the way we were able to attend the premier of the "Red Herrin" in Michigan at our home church as well as preach there. (For more info on the "Red Herrin" and other movies see the Ministry Links on our church website for Shiloh Films.) My wife and I were blessed to spend some quality time with our Pastor and his wife where we received godly counsel. All four of us were in unity concerning being able to teach more of our Baptist Heritage as God would open the door. I began to pray if God would have us involved more in this ministry that he would open

the door and He did just that.

We were privileged to visit with Pastor Stiller and family in Elkhorn, WI. We discussed a significant amount of things dealing with Baptist History. They were a great encouragement to us. From here we spent a day with our dear members the Lockharts in Oklahoma and then to the wedding. It was a blessed time of family gathering. After the wedding we headed to Texas.

At Temple Baptist Church, Midland, TX we were scheduled to give a report on Sunday night. Just before Sunday School started that morning the assistant Pastor asked if I would like to speak in Sunday School and then told me they were going through the "Trail of Blood". Seeing they were learning Baptist History and God opened the door I taught Baptist History in the Sunday school hour. I was also able to share some more of our heritage in our report Sunday night. Pastor Davis told me he was going to pray about having me back to preach a Baptist History Revival.

We went from there to Cameron, TX, at the church plant of Jones Prairie Baptist Church.

Here the Hicks family out did themselves to make us feel welcome. Not only did they house us, feed us, take us fishing and allow me to preach in a midweek service, but they took us to a Baptist History Museum about an hour away!!! It was in Independence, TX at the church where Sam Houston was baptized. I learned more and can't thank them enough. It was also a thrill to be able to go to San Antonio to surprise our oldest grandchild, Bethany Aguiar, the day before her 16th birthday.

We spent the next weekend with Wilson Creek Baptist Church where Pastor Randall Moody and sister Moody as well as the church were tremendous host. God worked it out that Sister Moody took my wife out Friday evening and I was left in the prophet's chamber alone with God. I have been asked several times to do short audio clips on Baptist History for our church internet radio station and had not been able to get it started. That evening I recorded the first edition of the "Baptist Light". It was put on our church radio the following Monday after Br. Hicks had cleaned it up. We just did our second one this

week. These can be heard as they play randomly on Shilohweb.org/radio or you can listen to them on our own website HarwardChapelBaptistChurch.org under the Baptist History tab. We hope to have a new one each week.

While at Wilson Creek Baptist Church, at the end of the morning service, just before dismissal, Pastor Moody asked if I would preach that night on Baptist History. I was honored to have the opportunity. He also said afterwards that he was considering having us come back to teach/preach Baptist History.

Upon arriving home some of the tense situations awaited us. Tuesday morning, I cried out to God, like Hannah in 1st Samuel, to help as I could not seem to get my mind away from the pain. God helped! I am still amazed! I have been reading "Flowers and Fruits in the Wilderness" by Z. N. Morrel. He was one of the first Baptist preachers in Texas and the record of his faithfulness has encouraged and challenged me. He records in one chapter that it had been a long time since he had led a soul to Christ though in years before in Tennessee, he had been fruitful in the ministry. That challenged me and I cried out to God this morning, with the same earnest with which I had prayed Tuesday in begging God for help with the pain, but this time I was begging God for someone with whom I could give the gospel.

God again answered the prayer as I had a customer come to our house today to buy some angle iron. After he paid and was about to leave I gave him one of my personal tracks. He thanked me for it and shared how his life was in a crisis and he appreciated me giving it to him. For the next TWO HOURS I gave him a clear gospel presentation and he listened intently and was asking questions. He said he had never had a clear presentation of the gospel given to him though he appears to be a native of NC and is in his 60s. He admitted he had never repented and believed he was not saved. He took it all very seriously and realized if he was going to repent and ask God to save him it would have to be sincere and not just some words. Please pray for Lenny Baker to be saved. He is supposed to call me and talk more about it.

Our family, of three now, continues to be faithful. We would like to do a mailing champaign here for the church as that has been one of the most fruitful things I have ever seen here. Please pray for the funds to do this. Please pray for God's will and provision in hosting a Camp Meeting again this year. We are trying to paint the interior of the meeting house as well. I continue to work most week days to provide for our family.

We continue to pray for laborers for the harvest here. Thank you for praying for us on this battlefield!



Surprise Lunch with our oldest Granddaughter and our oldest daughter, her mom

GOD IS ALWAYS GOOD!



Hicks family at Baptist History Museum



Pew where Same Houston carved his initials