



THE SKOGEN FAMILY

CHURCH PLANTERS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

ST. JAMES, MINNESOTA

Hello Praying Friends and Churches! We have had a very busy spring and summer!

We started out by having our Spring program in the month of May. The first week we had 3 people follow the Lord in Believers Baptism! This was an exciting milestone for our church as they were the first to be baptized since we planted the church! We then hosted a "First Responders Appreciation" Sunday. We were honored to have 7 different first responders and their families from different departments in our area join us for the service. We also hosted a "Church Picnic" where we had many visitors as well. Over the course of the month of May we saw a total of 24 different visitors!

God has answered so many prayers in just the last 3 months. We started praying for and raising the money for new hymnals and our people were so generous it only took 3 weeks to raise the \$800 that we needed to order them! As we got the hymnals in and put in the pews I realized that we were in need of new pew Bibles as well as we did not have enough and the ones we did have were old and worn. I did not even have enough time to bring it before the church to ask for help raise in the money when a lady who does not attend our church called me and out of the blue asked me if we needed any Pew Bibles. Praise the Lord she purchased 31 brand new pew Bibles that will fill all of our pews with a Bible! Praise the Lord!!!

One of the most exciting parts of the summer was getting a passenger van that was donated to our church to use to start our very first van route!! We have been praying for well over a year for God to supply one for us! OUR GOD IS AWESOME!!! I know I mentioned our need for a church van in our last letter, so we thank you sincerely for your prayers! God is working!!

We had a great Vacation Bible School in July where we were able to meet many new families and children!

We were honored to have Pastor Jeff Fugate with us on August 9th as we celebrated the signing of our church charter! We set a record for attendance that day with 45 in church! We also were able to see one young man saved after the service that day as well!

Sunday, August 6th we had one lady baptized and we have 3 more lined up for the coming weeks! Thank you so much for you your prayers! God is still working in the hearts and lives of people!

Thank you so much for the prayers and support! God Bless,

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