



Anchor

BAPTIST CHURCH

October 1, 2014

Blessings to all from Manahawkin, New Jersey! Thank you again for all of your prayers and financial support. We are blessed to serve God here in Manahawkin.

We continue to be busy about the work of the ministry. Bus ministry has been flourishing! We have approximately thirty children on our bus visitation list now although we continue to only have transportation for fifteen. These past weeks we have filled two personal vans. Due to the bus kids circumstances, traveling, or illness, we have not exceeded the capacity yet on the van. We have already begun to try to figure out how to handle the first Sunday morning we have more riders than seats. These children have eagerly requested Bibles which they bring every Sunday. They are eager to learn new Bible verses every week. We are excited about this ministry, but we continue to need a 15 passenger van for the church.

Included in our bus ministry are four teenagers that are excited to learn about God. We now need to begin our own youth group ministry. Plans are being made to undertake fall youth activities.

Please pray for two young single mothers that we have been ministering to through our bus ministry. They have now expressed an interest in coming to church. Please pray as we have no current nursery or staff. God will need to provide. We also were able to share the gospel and pray with a couple that was recently evicted from their home in this area. Please also pray for safety for us as many drug dealers are well established in this area.

One of our greatest difficulties right now is our facility. We are limited to only Sunday morning services. We have limited time for preparation and clean up due to the fact that we are limited to the hours of 9:30-12:30 A.M. We are out picking up kids at 9:30 and driving them home at 12:15. The facility also limits our outreach activities to the community. Additionally, we have had children attend our weekly Bible study in our home. The children are currently meeting outdoors, but this cannot continue as the weather will begin to prohibit it.

We recently were made aware of a store front location that has the potential to be used as a church. It is located less than five minutes from our current location and is less than two minutes from our bus route. We have prayerfully considered the location and sought counsel from other pastors. The location is in a busy shopping center which will give us much better visibility in the community. The cost of rent will be approximately \$1,500 for 1,300 square feet. This price is extremely reasonable for our location. The location also has the potential of adding a back room with contains another 700 square feet if we needed to expand. The renters are only charging us for 1,000 square feet currently. However, we have minimum support and minimum reserves. Our reserve should last five months rent.

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Our tithing and current offerings are well below what will be needed to support the facility. Additionally, the cost of architecture plans and fitting of the building exceed our plans. We cannot move forward without the support of local churches. We currently receive a total of \$750 a month support. Of that money, \$500 of the support was pledged by one church which was only committed for two years. This commitment will expire in December. This will leave us at \$250 of monthly support for the church. All support is used for the church as we receive no salary in the ministry.

Praise the Lord! I became reemployed in August, and I am excited about this new opportunity God has given me. I am currently employed by Van Dyk Insurance Agency right in Barnegat. This affords me many opportunities to witness in this community.

We believe we are now at a crossroad in our ministry. We cannot continue to grow without the financial support of local churches. In addition, we are desperately in need of workers in the church. Our entire family serves in multiple capacities. We originally had some help with workers from local churches, but this has ended. We are in need of a man or couple to lead music and youth ministry. We are also in need of Sunday school workers and nursery workers. We continue to struggle in these areas. Many of our members are elderly and serve as best they can. Please pray for our needs both financial and for more workers. We have a strong burden for this area and the families here, but we are up against many difficulties right now.

Thank you for your prayers! We rejoice in taking the Gospel to the lost!

"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:1
God Bless!

The Winkler Family

Pastor and Mrs. Laura Winkler
Galatians 2:20

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Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Service 11:00
Children's Church 11:00 A.M.
Thursday Bible Study 7:00 PM
(call for location)