



First Quarter Review 2024

BUILDING UPDATE!

Dear Church Member, Pastor, Friend, and Faithful Supporters,

I am finally writing the letter that I have been hoping to write for over a year now! We have signed a lease for a building to meet in for church! Praise the Lord! The majority of our last letter was me explaining the opportunity and asking you to pray for favor with the owner of the building. Just a couple days after I sent the letter, I got a call from the president of the board over this building. They unanimously agreed to allow us to rent the building at the price I offered them! \$2,500 a month, plus utilities. This is going to put us at about \$2,800-\$3,000 a month cost to have this church building (\$1,000 a month less than the asking price). After more prayer, the Lord settled it in our hearts. I accepted it and signed the lease through the end of 2024 (with an option to renew for 2025). We signed the lease February 15th, and immediately began doing some repairs to make this place more suitable for a church building. We have done some wall relocations, sheetrock repair, painting, with plenty more to do. I was finally able to get the pews, pulpit, piano, etc. out of storage and put it back to work for the Lord! Praise the Lord! We had a piano tuner come to town in March, now it is back suitable for services. We have already began meeting in this space. It is so exciting to see the Lord continue to build this work in Cordova, and we are thankful we get to be a part of it and see it unfold! While this space is a Huge answer to pray, it is a large cost, and a huge step of faith for our family. An extra \$3,000 a month does Not fit into our budget. God ordered it, and we believe He will provide for it. So far, we have had \$18,000 promised to come in for this building. We have received a good deal of that but still waiting for the rest to come in. That covers rent and utilities through August. We are praying the Lord will continue to grow the church and that the church will be self-sustaining in God's time. But until then, we are hoping to raise the needed funds to at least finish this year out and begin into next year's rent. I have had a few folks ask about this need. If you feel the Lord would have you or your church invest into this part of the ministry, any funds can be sent directly to the church here. That will remove us out of the equation (and help me with our taxes!). I will add the info at the bottom of this letter. In March, my grandmother passed away. The Lord worked in that situation as well and allowed my family to travel all the way to NC and back at almost no cost to us. We were able to arrive a couple days before she passed, and I was able to take part in her home going service. There were many folks there, many were lost. A distant relative of mine was under much conviction after the service but did not want to talk there. I am praying that the Lord will continue to draw him, please pray with me for his soul!

We are back in Cordova now, refreshed, and excited to get back to work. While we were away, we had around 200 Bibles, John and Romans, and discipleship material delivered to us from a church in Tennessee. We are looking forward to using these in the ministry! Thank you for your continued prayers and support for myself and my family!

Funds for Church Building rent can be made out to and sent to:

Safe Harbor Baptist Church

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