



Evangelism Explosion Class - July 10, 2021

LIVE AND LOVE AS JESUS TO SEE OTHERS LIVE AND LOVE AS JESUS

 **Living Bible Fellowship Church**



PLEASE PRAY

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PRaise & PRayer

"O LORD, there is none like You to help, between the mighty and the weak. Help us, O LORD our God, for we rely on You, and in Your name we have come O LORD, You are our God; let not man prevail against You."
 – 2 Chronicles 14:11. *Asa's prayer to the LORD*

In the fall, Church Extension formed an assessment team to determine the viability of the Adams County Mission plant. The team made their recommendations to the board of Church Extension. It is understandable why the assessment was made. The plant began in 2005. A lot of things had transpired in those last twenty years. Lisa and I joined the plant in July 2017. The last year and a half we saw a drop in attendance and our finances have dropped as well. The recommendations are as follows:

Assessment Team Recommendation

Whereas, the work is viable, but not sustainable according to Church Extension requirements, but whereas John Hanner continues to make efforts to make the work viable and continues to improve in his leadership and preaching, and

Whereas, their attendance and offering improvements of 2019 were thwarted by the ramifications of Covid, We recommend the Adams County Church Plant be granted one more year to demonstrate the ability to move forward and graduate which would be measured by

1. a 50% increase of current attendance (currently 22, target is 33 by 12/22), and
2. that the financial pressure would be decreased by either the Church Planter finding part-time employment or the sale of the current property or the increase of giving.

- ✓ PRAISE the LORD for the recommendations of the Assessment Team.
- ✓ PRAISE the LORD for new visitors attending. PRAY for visitors to transition to regular attenders.
- ✓ PRAY for God's direction as we begin earnest work to meet the assessment's recommendations.
- ✓ PRAY that God would give us such a passion for Christ and His Gospel that the community and beyond would notice and desire to know Christ.
- ✓ PRAY that God would close the deficits in support deficit and/or the church's budget.
- ✓ PRAY that as we are faithful to the preaching and ministry of God's Word, God would help us grow spiritually, numerically, and financially so we could graduate as a particular BFC church.

As Asa prayed, when facing an Ethiopian army of a million soldiers, we too are praying that we would rely on the Lord, looking to Him for strength and help to move His church plant closer to graduation. We thank God for the opportunity to have another year to demonstrate steps towards graduation. But we cannot do this in our own strength. I wanted to be transparent with you who have been so faithful in prayer and support. We ask you to pray with and for us. We believe there is a work here in Adams County.

We see God working in two local 55 plus communities and we are seeking to join God there. We have seen visitors become regular attenders. We have seen our people growing in the desire of reading God's Word and understanding it. We continue our preaching series on *Knowing God*. We have two community groups meeting and a weekly Zoom prayer meeting. We have a men's study and a women's study. We encourage our people to connect with those in their life to lead them to Jesus.

So many of you receiving this letter only know us through these updates – we may be like “strangers” to you, yet your faithfulness in prayer and giving to support this mission church testify to your love before the church. You are doing well as you continue to send us on this journey and uphold us in reaching the lost in this rural land.



We hope these updates will remind you of us and will prompt you to pray for us and, should the Lord lead, support us financially. Please pray that God would give us such a passion for Christ and His Gospel that the community and beyond would notice and desire to know Christ. Without seeking

God's help and protection through prayer, little eternal work will be realized. We also need those willing to support the work financially. Adams County is not at a place yet to support a minister. Please consider how the Lord would have you help us. We have 74% support and need the remaining \$20,000. Thank you to those who are helping us financially.

I thank God for teaching Lisa and I what it means to walk by faith. We certainly have not mastered this lesson, but we praise God for His loving-kindness towards us and what He continues to teach us. Thank you for your prayers and ongoing funding in partnering with us in this exciting ministry. We look forward to what God will do in and through all of us (you all and us at the church plant) in the weeks and months to come in Adams County.

For His Glory,

John Hanner, Pastor



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