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Grateful for 2025, Expectant for 2026: One In Christ Church Update

“This year we’ve seen steady growth, deepening unity, and open doors in Elkton. Thank you for standing with us in prayer and support as we look ahead to what God will do.”

Dear Friends and Partners in the Gospel,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As I write to you, my family and I are overwhelmed with gratitude for the ways you have stood with us in this ministry. Your prayers, encouragement, and financial support have been a steady reminder that the work of merging, planting, and shepherding a church is not done alone but in the fellowship of God’s people. Truly, we are partners together in the gospel.

This past year has been both stretching and deeply rewarding. Within the last few months, the Lord has led us to merge together with Pastor Steve Morton and Elkton Bible Fellowship Church. Week after week, the Lord has entrusted us with the hard but joyful work of preparing sermons and Bible studies, laboring over the Word so that our congregation might be fed, strengthened, and equipped. Alongside this, He has opened doors for us to serve our neighbors in Elkton in tangible ways:



- Nearly 200 catered Thanksgiving meals were delivered to families and individuals.
- At the Elkton Christmas tree lighting, we served hot chocolate to nearly 200 people, sharing warmth and conversation in Christ’s name.
- We joined hands with others in a community clean-up day, seeking to bless our town with visible care.
- Christmas bags (150+) were gifted to local children, reminding them of God’s love in a season of joy.
- We continue to volunteer in the community, meeting practical needs and offering hope.

Through these efforts, we are slowly becoming a fixture in the Elkton community. The Lord has also provided us with a church office downtown, giving us both a visible presence and a place to anchor our ministry. Perhaps most encouraging of all, the merger of two distinctly different church cultures has gone forward with surprising grace. While such work could easily falter, we

have seen the Lord's promise fulfilled: *He Himself will build His Church*. Attendance has grown steadily, relationships are deepening, and unity is being forged in Christ.

We ask you to join us in prayer for:

- **Spiritual growth and unity** within our congregation
- **Faithfulness and wisdom** in preaching, leadership, and pastoral care
- **Open hearts and gospel conversations** in the Elkton community
- **Endurance and encouragement** for our family as we serve



As we look ahead, our prayer is that *One In Christ* will not only be a gathering place for worship but a beacon of reconciliation, service, and gospel witness in Elkton. We long to see disciples raised up, families strengthened, and neighbors drawn into the life of Christ. The Lord has already given us glimpses of this future through steady growth in attendance, deepening unity across cultures, and open doors in the community.

Your continued partnership is vital. We cannot do this without the prayers of God's people and the generosity of those who believe in the mission of church planting. If the Lord leads you, we invite you to renew your commitment in prayer and financial support, knowing that every gift and every prayer is bearing fruit for the kingdom.

Paul's words in Philippians 1:3–5 echo in my heart: *"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you...because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now."*

May the Lord bless you richly in the coming year. We are honored to serve alongside you in the work of the gospel.

With heartfelt gratitude and hope,

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