

The Oak Street Baptist Church

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Pastor's Paragraphs...



What can I say but that "a lot of water has passed under the bridge" since the last newsletter. Not only have I undergone weeks of rehabilitation, but we have moved to a new location, which happens to be across the street from the church. Many thanks to all who gave of their time, talents and backbreaking strength to help us move. We are set up and ready to go!

On Sunday evening, July 1, we had a total of 54 at our home for a 'July 4th cookout.' There was more than enough food. and thanks to Greg and Jav Love for cooking the hamburgers and hot dogs for us. And, also, a special thanks to James Reeder for setting up his equipment and entertaining us with music. A great time was had by all!

I knew that God had allowed me to pastor a great church, but I did not just how great until my surgery. The church pulled together and never 'missed a beat.' You are incredible! Thanks to Pat Shelton and Sherry Potter who published the weekly bulletin and made our personal deposits. We would have been devastated without you! And thanks for the prayers, cards and visits in Prescott, so far away! The head nurse of the unit told me "I had more visits in one month than all the other veterans combined received in a year. That, beloved, is a lot a visitors!

Praise God! I am back at work (slowly), and I am preaching on Sunday and leading the Wednesday night Bible study. During this difficult time, the church continues to see an increase in attendance. What more could one ask for? God is, indeed, so good!

I believe, with all my heart, that we are about to see another growth period where God adds to His church. May we always welcome, with open arms, those whom God places under our care.

I hope to see you Sunday with a Word from the Lord.

Pastor Jerry