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The Gates Church and the O'Donalds

Good News

It was truly a privilege to recently baptize Amber and Jessica, whom we have ministered to for years. To see them make their faith in Jesus known in public through believers' baptism was awesome. Our family and our church felt very encouraged because it lets us know that God is working, even when we want things faster. We first met Amber, a single mom with a strong Catholic background, in 2017. It took about three years before she ever came to church and then about four years for her to fully turn to Jesus in faith and walk through baptism. Jessica has a similar story. Pray for these two buddies as they grow, overcome challenges, and serve in our church.

Ways we are currently doing ministry

Reaching the Next Generation- We thank the Lord for the opportunity to take five middle and high school students to a weekend retreat on a very snowy weekend in January. It was a powerful time, and we are excited to see how God is working in the these young people, three of whom were just recently baptized. The Lord continues to bring students to hear about Jesus in the neighborhood elementary school as we minister there each Thursday afternoon through our Good News Club.

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Luke 10:2

The Valentine's Day Gathering was a success. We had about 70 people come, and about half of them were unchurched. Austin shared the gospel. It was a really great time where our people took charge, came together, and did most of the work. There were a few small hiccups, but we can learn from and seek to continue to come together and gather people in the name of Jesus. Thank you for your prayer and support of this!

Leadership Training- For four months, Austin is bringing together six adults for leadership training. We are reading four books and talking about the best practices of personal disciple-making and evangelism. Pray for these disciple making leaders: John, Lois, Dave, Trish, Cindy, and Bud.