

# the Godfrey family



Missionaries to IDAHO

Ray, Dawn,  
Jay, and Timothy



September and October 2024

Dear Supporting Churches and Friends,

September and October have been packed full of great things for our family and church.

In September, Dawn and I celebrated our 21st wedding anniversary. Then in October we celebrated Jay's 16th birthday. The boys started piano lessons back up for the school year as well. Both Jay and Timothy are doing great learning piano and working on their schoolwork at home daily. We have seen tremendous growth in them physically and mentally. They are truly growing into fine young men. Dawn went back to the heart doctor at the beginning of October and was given an all clear for the next 6 months. Then suddenly one morning only 4 days later she woke with such chest pain that we ended up going to the ER thinking it was something serious. They did find some suspecting issues through blood work and scans but sent her home and asked for her to follow up with her heart doctor as soon as possible. She did get scheduled and seen quickly, and after more blood work and an echo, it was determined that she is suffering from pericarditis and pleurisy. Basically, she has fluid around her heart, and it causes stress on the heart that produces pain that mimics heart attacks and pneumonia. She was given a steroid to be taken for 8 weeks and another medication typically given to gout patients to help with some of the pain. She is still currently struggling with symptoms of this condition and is scheduled for a nuclear stress test the week of Thanksgiving. Other than this sudden health situation with Dawn, we are all doing fairly well. The weather has been nice, and we are now preparing for our second winter here in Idaho.

Our church is doing really well! In September, I was able to baptize 6 people in the church. Pastor Inboden of New Life Baptist Church in Pinehurst, Idaho opened his sanctuary and baptismal for us to hold this service. The baptism included Timothy who had been waiting for the church plant to begin so he could get baptized by me here in Idaho. The other 5 were the Wolfgram Family that got saved this year at Silver Valley Independent Baptist Church. They are Dakota (9), Ben (12), Logan (14), Connie, and Brian. We also were blessed with Bro. Charles Pope's visit from South Carolina in October where he was able to present his ministry and preach for us. We began a youth choir with the children in October as well. Dawn has been working with them on singing scriptures. This has been a blessing to our church family. The kids are always eager to sing and learn the new scriptures.

October is always a busy time for our community. Kellogg holds a special day before Halloween by hosting a festival called Kelloween. This is a time when the local business and stores open their doors to children and families to come and get candy and shop. We used this opportunity to invite every person who attended this event to the church. We packed candy bags with church invites and tracts in them and handed them out during the event. We made over 200 bags and then began just handing out extra candy and invites to an additional 250 or more people. The event ended up being so big we actually ran out of supplies to offer. On the same day of the festival, we held a chili cook off within the church, and Brian came dressed "as the Pastor" which was a fun surprise. One of our young men made a game for the visiting children and families to play as well. It was overall a very successful event.

I would like to thank those of you who have given to our need for sound equipment. We are hopeful to get the needed items soon so that we can begin using it all at the beginning of next year. We are hoping to also purchase a laptop that can handle the needed programs to run a sound room.

There are several pictures included in this prayer letter.

Thank you all for your continued prayers and support. Because of all of you, we can continue to further the gospel in our small towns here in the Silver Valley.

Bro. Ray Godfrey  
Psalm 119:173

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**Timothy's Baptism**



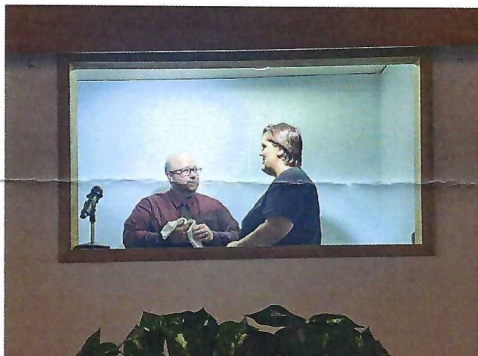
**Dakota's Baptism**



**Ben's Baptism**



**Logan's Baptism**



**Connie's Baptism**



**Brian's Baptism**



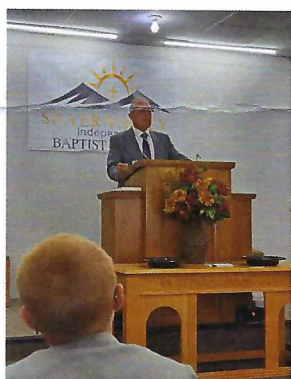
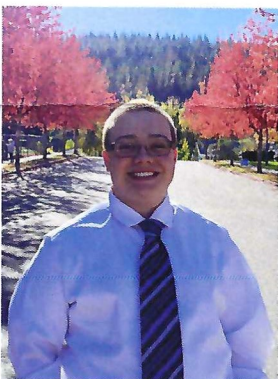
**Dawn and I**



**Youth Choir**



**Children's Choir**



- 1st Picture: Jay's 16th Birthday**
- 2nd Picture: Bro. Pope**
- 3rd Picture: Kelloween Bags**
- 4th Picture: Dress Up Like Pastor**
- 5th Picture: Kelloween Games**
- 6th Picture: Kelloween Visits**

