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December 2023 Report

December was a good month as we wrapped up 2023.

Meetings. In December, we averaged 50 people on Sundays. Many were traveling at the end of the month, but we welcomed guests throughout

December. We averaged 40 people for Life Groups, and 29 people for Kids and Teens Classes. We ended the semester of these ministries with fellowship nights and special events. In addition, we had a Ladies Cookie Exchange fellowship (December 3), our Summit Christmas Fellowship (December 17), and a Christmas Eve Service (December 24).



Summit Christmas Fellowship

Ministry and Goals. In December, our kids collected over 100 new pairs of socks and gloves to give to a local school to help people stay warm. Our life groups worked with a local compassion center and brought canned goods and money to provide 11 Christmas meals. We also gave \$11,450 toward the Arkansas State Mission Project 4th Quarter Offering. This is nearly triple the goal we set.

We met all of our semester goals. We invited 163 people to church (goal was 150). We saw 7 family units plug in through joining, becoming more committed, reconnecting, etc. (goal was 7). We had a total of 43 Gospel conversations or interactions (goal was 25). We also had a membership class with potential new members in December. Please pray that God will continue to give the increase.

Moving Forward. We are in the Design Phase of our building project. In addition to making decisions about the building design with our architect, we aim to do engineering work, get city approval, rezone the property, secure financing, and hire a contractor in 2024. We want to be good stewards and set aside funds for construction so we can borrow as little money as possible. We continue to welcome one-time offerings and regular support for the building project. Please pray that God will continue to do big things to provide and guide us as we complete this work.

Matter of Prayer. For over 10 years, Bro. Todd Anderson was Pastor of Summit BC (Pine Bluff). Recently, God opened doors for him to serve on a foreign field, and his last day as Summit's pastor was December 31. I am excited for his next steps, but I am also saddened by his departure. Summit BC has leadership in place to continue to serve as sending church for the Springdale work, but they are looking for a pastor. Please pray that God will provide, guide, and bless Summit BC in this process

Thank you for your support, prayers, and encouragement each month!

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