



December/January 2018/19

Dear Pastors and Co-laborers,

We pray this update finds each of you doing well having enjoyed your Christmas and New Year with family and friends. We also pray each of you are enjoying the blessings of our Father. A special "thank you" goes out to each of you for your prayers and continued support. It is truly an honor to see God moving in the hearts and lives of the members and visitors of North Shore Baptist Church (NSBC).

December started in an amazing way! We were blessed to hear a devotion from one of our young Marines. This is the first mens prayer breakfast that the single marines have led the devotion and it was great! This also marked the beginning of a commonality that every Military Church shares...we lost our first two members to reassignment back in the States. The young man that led the devotion has transferred to the States and is in training to become part of the Marine Special Operations Command (MARSOC). In route to his training he was blessed to marry his long-time fiancée and move her to Texas where she will attend school while he is in his training. This marine, Nate, will be in training for quite some time and his duties will entail some pretty intense operations. Please keep Nate and his new wife in your prayers as he matures in his Christian walk and continues in his military career. Also, please pray that the union of these two young people stays strong in the Lord and true to each other.



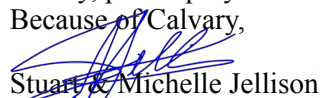
As a church we were able to celebrate our first Christmas. We were blessed to be able to host the church at our new house and enjoy a time of food, fellowship, singing and games. All those in attendance had a great time and were excited about the holiday season. My family was especially blessed to have our oldest, Chance, and his girlfriend, Susan, visit us for three weeks at the end of December/beginning of January. It was truly a blessing to see them and enjoy some family time together. Please pray for them as they continue in their lives and their relationship. Chance is enrolled at University of Missouri, Kansas City and will be pursuing a nursing degree. Chance is also in the process of earning his Paramedic License and will be using this as an avenue to work through college.



December brought another first for NSBC, we held our first Vision Night on the 31st as we rang in the new year revealing Gods direction for our church. We unveiled our theme "But by Grace" and our theme verse, 1 Corinthians 15:10. It was an exciting time with all our members wearing their new church t-shirts and looking forward to what God is going to do with NSBC in the future. We started several new programs including: Sunday school, CIA (Christians In Action, visitation program), and beginning our Missions program. Sunday school and CIA has gone well with well over 50% of the church attending Sunday school and just under 50% participating in CIA.

January was a very exciting month for us as we began our missions program. We have set January as our Missions emphasis month and took the opportunity to teach on the Biblical principle of missions giving. We were blessed to present three different missionary families to the church and the overall reception by the people was amazing. However, the most amazing thing about all this is how God has moved among the members of NSBC. We are not a large church but we do have a heart to serve and please God. I am blessed to announce that we, NSBC, will be taking on two missionaries for full time monthly support and prayerfully we will be able to assist some of the local works with small projects and needs they may have. This is an exciting time for NSBC and we pray that each of you pray with us about our continued faithfulness to God and that He will continue to bring in those that we can minister to.

All in all it has been an extremely busy last couple months however, we are not slowing down. February brings with it two visiting couples from the states and NSBC's first annual Marriage Advance. We are so encouraged by what God is doing here, and we pray this encourages you as well. Please pray that God continues to move in NSBC. Also, please pray for NSBC as we endeavor to reach our area with the Gospel, battling Satan on his doorstep in the village of Kin. Finally, please pray for the health and wellbeing of our family as we continue to serve our Military serving on Okinawa. God bless each of you as you faithfully serve Him.

Because of Calvary,

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 lives for our freedom, so they
 can know the One who died
 for their eternal freedom**

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