

Dear Friends.

"From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the LORD's name is to be praised." — *Psalm 113:3* 

This verse captures my heart's desire as we find ourselves deep in the fall season. Much of this year has been marked by an extremely busy and fruitful time of ministry, and we thank God for His kindness in giving us our largest summer on record.

By God's grace, we were able to minister to **979 souls** during just eight weeks of summer camp with over 50 professions of faith and numerous other decisions! The end of the camp season also marked **David's retirement weekend**, which coincided with the start of our fall ministry schedule. Since that time, we have served **over 2,300 individuals**. To say that we have stayed busy is an understatement!

Two weeks ago, our schedule finally slowed enough for our staff to rest a bit and complete some much-needed maintenance projects around the facility. This past weekend we hosted our annual Fall Marriage Retreat with Dale and Denise Cunningham, which was especially encouraging for our staff. Not only were we able to attend the sessions, but the retreat was nearly full, with twenty couples in attendance. What a joy to see these couples investing in their marriages and one another—setting aside time for sound instruction and encouragement in the Lord.

In addition to our ongoing weekend ministries, **Thad and I** have had opportunities to serve in **pulpit supply, missions conferences**, and other preaching engagements.

Earlier this year many of you participated in our **Matching Gift Challenge**, and I want to thank you and give a brief update. Whether you supported us through **prayer**, **financial gifts**, **or both**, we are deeply grateful. We recognize there are many worthy ministries you could invest in, and we're humbled that you chose to partner with The Anchorage.

God's people were generous! When all the designated gifts were received, the total came to **just over \$86,000**. Through these funds, we've been able to complete nearly all of our targeted projects:

- Constructed a roof over the Good Shepherd Annex property
- Added a beautiful patio area with pergola and landscaping

- Created additional parking at the Annex
- Built a new service drive behind the gymnasium
- Installed upgraded HVAC systems for McCombs Cottage and the upstairs girls' bunk room
- Secured essential "gap funds" to sustain us through the leaner winter months

Just this past week we received clearance to move forward with the office renovation plans and, Lord willing, will soon begin construction on our last two cottage rooms.

## To God be the glory—great things He has done!

We are so thankful for your ongoing support and prayers for this ministry. It is because of your faithfulness that we are able to continue reaching souls and strengthening the body of Christ. What a joy it is to partner with you in the labor and fruit of Gospel ministry.

As you pray for us, please remember these upcoming events as we close out the year:

- Church Family Camps (3)
- Senior Pastors' Renewal Retreat
- Anchorage Invitational Basketball Tournaments (3)

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Your Servant for Christ's Sake,

Dave Bradshaw, Director