

2019 Highlights

2019 was full of adventure for the Eight Mile Rock church. We had ups and downs in membership. There are two individuals who are delinquent; we had two baptisms, two rededications and one transfer (14 in total).

We have been working as a congregation on basic Bible facts and a rigorous Memory Work plan where we memorize points per chapter (similar to Kids Sing by Glenn Colley) and recite them in Bible Class. For Example: Genesis 1 Creation, Genesis 2 God Rested and the First Marriage. We also memorize and recite Scriptures in unison from the KJV during worship between songs. Increased Bible knowledge has been a blessing.

The men have continued in classes to grow in Spiritual leadership skills like conducting public prayer, preparing a lesson etc. We are looking forward to great things from them. The Ladies have all taught classes and set goals individually for 2020!

When the work began, part of the rededications included Madio & Keke Smith and Lawanda Davis. Madio struggled during the summer of 2019 with faithfulness and re-rededicated himself in the fall. His wife has left him and the Lord entirely for the cares of the world. The church is heart-broken and striving to keep him encouraged and faithful. She has been offered counselling and is contacted often.

Please pray for this family.

Lawanda was a delinquent member of the Freeport congregation for several years and after studies with us in 2018, she rededicated her life but felt weak and uninvolved in the Freeport congregation where she had remained. She decided in November, to work with the Eight Mile Rock church and has been fully involved in all activities and has been positively influencing her eleven year old daughter with these changes. We are thankful for her.

Others in the collage were mentioned in previous reports and are striving and being challenged daily to remain active and faithful.

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Currently in the 8 Mile Rock Church

HURRICANE PELIEF EFFORTS



Earlier in the year we delivered the food and toiletry bags to 250 homes and prayed with every family. We delivered doors and roofing materials as needs were revealed.

Since then, we have been delivering 5 gallon water bottles with waterproof labels—with an open invitation to study the Bible—affixed. We are still praying with each family we encounter. There has been overwhelming positive response and finally someone came to worship as a result! We have over 1,400 bottles and are thankful for the possibilities with this work.

We will be continuing with repairs to rooves well into 2020 and benefit from the assistance of incoming groups that will provide more hands on deck. We plan to keep at this until all the funds donated are expended.









Coverently in the 8 Mile Rock Church 2020 ChURCH GOOLS

During two Thursday evening Bible Class sessions the congregation discussed and came up with goals for the year. They were plentiful! Here is a short list of what they included:

- I. Be on time to worship (not island time).
- 2. Be hospitable to visitors.
- 3. Each one, teach one.
- 4. Take notes during worship.
- 5. Do all homework: Memory Work etc.
- 6. Carryout monthly door-knocking.
- 7. Go on a retreat as a group.
- 8. Attend PTP together.
- 9. Fasting on important issues (e.g. Smith Family and winning the husbands of female members).
- 10. Establish a Bible Club in the local high school.

Members are taking charge in organizing the items in the complete list of goals that were their idea to help us come close to accomplishing them all.

Family News

Being spared major loss in Hurricane Dorian is one blessing we continue to thank God for. The girls are all well and because of the brethren, you all, they had a wonderful Christmas. Faithful Leigh is turning one on January 31, and is walking strong all around the house! God is good!

Drayer Request

As always, we request prayer. Please pray for the church, for those in our community who are recovering from hurricane Dorian's aftermath, for the 2020 plans and for the souls we hope to reach this year.





