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The true test of spiritual maturity is not knowledge but love for God and love for others. The test of love for God is whether at any given moment you can say 'thank you' for what's happening in your life, and the test of love for others is whether you are free from envy. Chip Ingram



Praise the Lord!

- Four churches in Ohio started new Awana clubs in January! This brings the total new clubs in Ohio since August up to 31.
- December and January provided multiple opportunities to visit clubs and present the gospel. At one family event Steve spoke to over 200 people, each of whom heard the clear message of God's love.
- The weather has been mild so far this winter; we have had no cancellations of ministry meetings.
- Our schedule is pretty full from now through May; club visits, outreach events, meetings with workers and pastors, and awards ceremonies.
- We receive a blessing each Wednesday when we serve as Sparks leaders in our home church. Pam is there every week, Steve about once a month when he's not helping at another church. The pictures are from a recent Western Night!
- Pam is enjoying retirement and is looking into new opportunities to serve at our church and in the community.
- In December we celebrated 44 years of marriage. The Lord has blessed us with kids and grandkids who are all active in their own churches, serving the Lord.

Please pray for us:

- Pray that we would always focus on the gospel, and pleasing the Lord in all that we say and do.
- Spring is not here yet! Pray for safety as we travel to lots more churches during the remaining winter months.
- Pray for two churches who have sent in their paperwork but have not started their clubs yet. Each needs more workers, and more kids.
- We are scheduled to help with multiple Grand Prix races this year; most of these events include families, and we always share the gospel.
- Lots of kids are working diligently to finish their Awana handbooks. Pray that they would memorize and understand the Bible verses.
- Pray for wisdom among the leadership of Awana, especially as we release the new "Resilient Discipleship" book and a new Sunday morning curriculum.

