

Broadmoor church of Christ

Report for the winter quarter 2019

From Lon Spurgeon at Smoky Mountain church of Christ

Dear members of Broadmoor,

I hope everyone is well and able to enjoy the beautiful spring God has blessed us with. Becky and I are well, although I am recovering from a recent cold. The other members at Smoky Mountain are doing well, and mostly free from the colds going around during the winter time.

Here are some highlights of the events over the winter quarter.

We are blessed to have Mark Ostroff volunteer to teach the Sunday morning adult class for a while. Mark is teaching a class on the period between the testaments and so far, has done an excellent job. I began a new series for our Sunday evening class on angels. On Wednesday night we are very close to finishing the book of Hebrews. Our plan is to continue on to James and then the rest of the New Testament. This is part of our plan to study the whole Bible we began a couple of years ago.

Shortly after the first of the year I began a series of sermons titled Being Conformed to Christ, using Colossians chapter three as the basis for the parts of the sermon series. More recently I preached a series on love focusing on the importance of love, what it is, and what some of the obstacles are that hinder us from showing love as we should. I had the very sobering responsibility to present a lesson on suicide after talking with one of our teens who has struggled with suicidal ideation for several years. She had found my series on painful emotions helpful and requested a sermon on the subject of suicide. You just never know what people are struggling with and how much they need our love and help.

We have been blessed to have several visitors, even over the winter time. Most of course are from out of town but we have had a few local visitors to visit with us as well. One such couple, Larry and Audrey have moved here and been attending at Smoky mountain when they can. Larry is still preaching part time at the Riceville church where they moved from when he retired. He has been driving back and

forth as needed while the church there looks for a full-time preacher. Another couple I mentioned before, Josh and Valerie Antras, have decided to be members here. Ronnie Dennis and I got to meet with them one evening and answer some questions they had on various Biblical subjects and what we taught on certain issues. Josh and Valerie both impressed me highly with their Bible knowledge and the insights displayed in the questions they asked. After a lengthy study, Josh became certain of his need to be baptized, which we did that very evening. Valerie has a different view than us on a few subjects but is open to study and discussion, and like us, she is committed to searching for the truth from the scriptures. Since his conversion, Josh has begun to participate in prayers and class discussions.

We continue to receive new requests for the correspondence course and to mail out lessons to our existing students. Coming up later this month, I will be a part of a gospel meeting with the Kodak church of Christ where Ronnie Green preaches. It will be different local preachers speaking on different nights on the subject of evidences. I will be speaking on a Friday night.

I hope this summary of the last quarter has been helpful. I am very thankful and appreciative of the support I receive from Broadmoor. I also am thankful for the church there and great work you are doing and your desire to see the gospel preached wherever there is opportunity. There are also so many of your members that Becky and I know and love and we miss you all so much. God bless you in the faith!

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