

CHURCHES
SUPPORTING THE
PREACHING

Lakeview
(Hendersonville, TN)
\$800

Ephesus
(Athens, AL) \$500

Broadmoor
(Nashville, TN) \$400

Eastside
(Bowling Green, KY)
\$680

Wheelersburg, OH \$100

Oakland (Athens, AL)
\$600

O'Neal (Athens, AL)
\$700

Huntington, WV \$724

Total Support:
\$4504

Meeting Location

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Bible studies

We finished both our Bible class topics this month. We completed the study of Romans and the book of Luke. We did not have our yearly planning meeting until late this month, so in the interim we began a study of Titus on Wed and the sayings of Jesus on the cross on Sunday. After these we will study the parables of Jesus and the life and epistles of Peter.

I taught once at the Jail. It continues to be enjoyable to go. I spoke at length with the other teacher there that night. We were supposed to study further but I have yet to hear from him. That is how it goes sometimes.

I did not have a study with Mike this month. He last gave me some material arguing against Baptism. He went on a trip for several weeks. Hopefully we can get together again to study further.

Various

We had a rough start to this month. An infant son of some Christians here was very ill will RSV. It was a scary time. We prayed much and are so grateful that God answered our prayers. The baby has recovered and is now doing well. Life brings many heartaches and struggles. But God comforts us and provides strength for each day.

Planning Meeting:

We are going to try using the Meetup app to advertise Bible studies near Marshall University. Several other folks have had mixed results using this forum. The brethren also want to start looking for some land to build a building on. Hopefully this can happen soon. We have been renting in this current location for about 3 years. We have had a few times where seating was tight when several visitors came to services.

Attendance: Sunday Avg.: 20, Wed Avg.: 16

Sermons

“What does the future hold for the Church” This lesson sought to prepare the brethren for the planning meeting and to consider the dangers we see in scripture to congregations once they have been around for years.

“The Power of Prayer” Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and his prayer was answered, James 5:16-18. The fervent prayer of the righteous can accomplish much, Luke 18:1, Daniel 9:3, 20-23. We need to remember the power of prayer. God sees our struggles and hears us when we cry out to Him, Ps 56:8-9, 6:7-8, 42:3-4.

“Prayer: A component of faith” Prayer is talked about in scripture but is not “explained” in detail. Prayer is a given, if you are a believer then you will pray. Prayer is a reflection of our desire to grow closer to God. The fact that we serve a God who can be implored is amazing. God is not far away, removed from us and uncaring about our lives. And even in His anger, God still can be moved by our pleading and petitions! Judges 10:9-16, Exo 32:8-14. Out of all the things the disciples could have asked Jesus about, they asked Him to teach them how to pray—why? They saw the importance of prayer to Jesus, Luke 3:21, 5:15-16, 6:12-13, 9:28, 22:39, Mark 1:35-36, etc. What does a Christian “look like”, what do they “do”? Praying ought to be a vital part of their life.

“What do you pray for?” You are able to talk to God each day! And God gives good things to those who ask, Matt 7:7-11. What is your heart's desire? What do your prayers tell about you? Have you ever prayed like your life depended on it? We pray for cleansing, for help growing spiritually, for wisdom, and for help speaking His word to others. If we are “stable” in our faith, God answers us, James 1:8. God is not someone we demand things of nor should we constantly say “give me”. We need to be watchful in prayer with thanksgiving, Col 4:2.