

Report for April 2020

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Dear brethren,

April has come and gone without a lot of change from March. Things have been slow and most everything has been done online. With that in mind, here is my report for March.

Preaching/Teaching:

1. April's sermons (we have had shorter sermons so far due to streaming our worship for those in their cars in the parking lot):
 - A. The Pandemic of 2020 – Addressed 1) the cause of this pandemic and how all suffering is the result of sin; and 2) how only God is the cure.
 - B. Life and Hebrews 12:1-4 – Addressed how as we face these difficult times we must believe God's word and remember 1) there is still a "great cloud of witnesses" cheering us on to victory, 2) to look to Christ for strength and courage to face suffering, and 3) that despite all that we have faced we have not resisted to the point of shedding our own blood in fighting against sin.
 - C. Fishing with Artificial Bait – Addressed 1) how Satan is like a professional angler who is always seeking to allure and catch us with artificial bait (i.e., lies), 2) that Satan controls his bait for maximum effect, and 3) that no matter what Satan does, we choose whether we will take the bait.
2. All Sunday and Wednesday Bible classes, except the infant/toddler class, have continued during this isolation period.
 - A. I was able to complete my Wednesday night auditorium class on Hebrews. We streamed it through Facebook Live and had many tuning in, including some around Tennessee, other states, and even Canada. I was pleased with the study and received a lot of positive feedback.
 - B. Teachers of two of our children's classes continue teaching through Zoom. Both have been well-attended.

Congregation:

1. We began coming together for worship in the parking lot. We had three of these gatherings in April and streamed the entire worship so all could participate together as much as possible under our current restrictions.
2. Plans have been made for tweaks and changes in our worship to be implemented in May, as well as ways for greater utilization of our online presence.

Visiting:

1. Unfortunately visiting, except with those of our very small circle, has been postponed for the time being.

Family:

1. We still cannot visit with our parents or any of my family due to COVID-19. We were, however, able to visit with some of Tricia's family, which was nice. Hopefully, things will ease up in May.
2. Tricia and I continue to deal with the rollercoaster of emotions brought on by our loss. Things have swayed from extreme sadness to numbness and anger. Tricia has felt these emotions more acutely than have I. Of course, these strange times have not helped.

Support:

	<u>April</u>
Broadmoor, Nashville, TN	\$400
Douglass Hills, Middletown, KY	\$350
Overland, Lawrenceburg, KY	\$400
Colonial Heights, Cookeville, TN	<u>\$4,071</u>
	\$5,221

Contribution/Attendance for April:

1. Contribution: **\$14,271**
2. Attendance averages are not available due to the current situation.

I continue to be very thankful for your support. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Your brother in Christ,

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