

## **Report for January 2020**

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Dear brethren,

I hope you are well and your work for the Lord is continuing in pleasing fashion to Him. The year has started off well and I have good things to report as well as a sorrowful matter.

### **Preaching/Teaching:**

1. January sermons:
  - A. If We Really Believe God
  - B. Dig Your Wells Before You are Thirsty
  - C. 1 Thessalonians 3 – Paul and Company's Concern for the Thessalonians
  - D. God's Revelation of Himself in Names – Pt 1 – Foundational Points and Elohim
2. The sermons on 1 Thessalonians have provided many opportunities to encourage everyone to be more active in opening their hearts, home, and lives to one another. We are too complacent and do not put forth as much effort as we should to show brotherly love. I plan to emphasize this all year.
3. I plan to preach each month on God's revelation of Himself through His various names. I am tailoring these lessons for evangelistic purposes and am encouraging us to invite others to hear them.
4. I am excited to report that a few of the members here met to form an evangelistic group. We will meet once a month to encourage and pray for each other to be more active in evangelism. We have agreed to ask at least one person to study the Bible or come to worship each month. We already have one new study from these efforts. It will begin the first Thursday in February. I hope and pray that this will bring glory to God through many souls being saved.
5. We hosted the young kids' study in January. Art Mattson taught it and it was well attended. Afterwards we invited everyone to enjoy food and time together.
6. My Hebrews class continues to go well. I am receiving positive feedback. Although I am really enjoying teaching it, I am pressed for classroom time to finish. It is difficult to cover a whole chapter each class.
7. Although I am excited about these other matters, I am sad to report that my studies with David and Isaac have ended. Over the past few months they have been missing far more than they attend. So, when I mentioned in a text about studying Hebrews 10 and Matthew 6, David replied that he knew what I was going to say, and that he had too much going on. So, he is "taking a break" from worship and study to get his life settled down! I tried to express to them the error of this decision and our love and concern for them, but they have not responded.

### **Congregation:**

1. We are working on a defense plan in case of an active shooter. Some of the ladies here have expressed a desire for this plan. We hope to have a plan and more safety measures in place in February.
2. The Psalms class is going very well. Four different men taught in January and all did an excellent job. Many of these men, as I reported before, have never taught the auditorium class or any other for the most part. So, they are really stepping up.
3. Tricia and I met with the young woman I mentioned before who has been having some trouble. She assured us that the problems were her own and that she will be attending with us. She suffers from anxiety issues and struggles to get out of the house as she should.

### **Visiting:**

1. Tricia and I continue to visit with and address the issues faced by Joyce Luna. She struggles with serious anxiety issues which require that Tricia take her to the doctor about three times a month!

2. Rachael Madewell has not been doing well of late. She has been falling in her home and was recently admitted to the hospital. Tricia and I visited her there. She has now been moved to a nursing facility in Sparta, TN.
3. As always, we continue to visit with different families throughout the month by meeting for lunch to talk about church matters, family matters, etc.
4. I continue to meet with two men of the congregation each week to walk, encourage one another, discuss life and church matters, etc. I look forward to this each week. It really strengthens me.
5. We had one of the college students, Adam Webb, over for dinner during January. He is a fine young man and we are glad to have him.

**Family:**

1. I am glad to report that the Lord continues to bless Tricia and I with good health. We have avoided colds, the flu, etc. so far this winter season.
2. The ball is now rolling concerning my hip replacement surgery. I plan to shoot for having the surgery in June if I can make it that long. For, any kind of exercise causes pain in my left hip and down my leg, which also keeps me from sleeping at night like I should.
3. I had my follow-up sleep study for my CPAP machine. That was miserable. But I should learn what machine I need. Unfortunately, the tests and machine cost over \$3000 out of pocket.
4. My mother is not doing well. All the children met at the end of February to address concerns about her condition. We chose to follow the suggestions of her caregivers and put her on the DNR list and to call in hospice, etc. She has declined so much over the past two months. I don't expect she will last more than a couple more months.

**Support:**

**January**

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:**

1. Contribution: **\$9,845**
2. Attendance Averages:
  - Sunday Bible Study 41
  - Sunday Worship 44
  - Wednesday 34

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

Your brother in Christ,

