

May 14, 2010
(March/April Preaching Report)

FROM:
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Dear Brethren,

Thank you for your continued support. The Lord's work here continues to go well, with peace and harmony reigning within the local family of God. We are doing our best to remain faithful in the Lord's work.

The month of March saw one of our number come forward requesting the prayers of the church on behalf of her efforts to live a more dedicated Christian life. She had some specific challenges at work that she was dealing with at the time. In April a newly transplanted Texas Mom and her daughter visited our worship services. They have been back twice since that time. Upon visiting in their home however, I learned that they are maintaining an inappropriate living arrangement with a man in the military who is stationed at nearby Fort Lee. At a future visit, I hope to learn more of her background and intentions in reference to straightening out her life. She said she was a member of a church of Christ in the Houston, Texas area. On a personal note, during the month of March our daughter, Sarah Barnes, was home for Spring break from Florida College. Her friend and former roommate, Caitlyn Sanders, from the Kansas City, MO area was also with us for the week.

Our "Know Your Bible" class continued during the month of March and concluded at the end of April. We had been meeting bi-weekly since the first of the year studying the Journeys and Epistles of Paul. We will conduct another three month study later this fall or possibly next spring. Also, several of our members are continuing with the "reading through the Bible in a year" program that was started in January.

There were two Gospel Meetings in the area during the month of April. The meeting at the Courthouse Road congregation featured different preachers from the immediate area. I spoke Thursday evening on the topic, "Love Not the World." The other meeting, conducted by the Westend church had Don Wright from Louisville, KY doing the preaching. My family and I along with several others from the Chester congregation attended both meetings as often as possible.

Recent contacts in our door knocking efforts have produced a discussion with a family which has recently joined the Jehovah's Witnesses cult. I will be studying with for as long as the effort seems promising. Two or three others have shown an above average interest in our message but have not agreed to a class or attended our worship services.

Our summer schedule is full with a wedding set for July 11th. Our daughter, Sarah will be wed to Luke Moyer from Tampa, FL. The wedding will take place at Luke's grandparent's farm just outside Charleston, West Virginia. We also have a Gospel Meeting set for August 15-20 with Mark McCrary from Louisville, KY.

Our financial situation remains the same. We are receiving the following amounts from the following churches:

LOCAL SUPPORT:	\$3700.00
OUTSIDE SUPPORT:	
East Side - Baytown, TX	1,250.00
7 th Street - Trenton, FL	500.00
S. Livingston - Tampa, FL	500.00 (thru Oct. 2010)
Larry Coffey - Louisville, KY	500.00
Eastside - Butler, AL	<u>400.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$6,850.00

Thank you for your continued prayers and fellowship.
Ed Barnes