

December 9, 2010
(November Preaching Report)

FROM:
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Dear Brethren,

As in most churches around the country, we have experienced a lot of sickness lately. Members of the church here at Chester have been suffering from colds and flu. Both the number and severity of such cases seems to be much increased from last year at this time. My family and I have also been down with cold symptoms. I recently missed worship services last Wednesday evening for only the second time in the last five years or so.

As is usually the case, most of my studying and lesson preparation during the month centered around my sermons and Bible classes. I am in the process of developing power point graphics for more of my sermons. Being from the old school, I have been a little slow about learning the new tricks. However, progress is coming slowly but surely.

The only Bible class that I am currently teaching is in the Book of Isaiah, which we continue to study on Sunday mornings. During the month of November 7-12 I took part in a Gospel Meeting that was conducted by the Courthouse Road congregation. My lesson entitled "There's a Great Day Coming" was delivered on Friday night, November 12th. The three in-home Bible classes that I mentioned in my last report continue, except for the one with Joe Mistretta. He lost interest in the study and forced its cancellation. The studies with Patti Starke and Misty Thomas and her boy friend continue.

We were pleasantly surprised during the month of November by two sets of visitors. One visit was initiated by our door knocking efforts, the other by our e-blast program. On Sunday November 14th Marsha Lewis and her 16 year old son, Khavari visited our worship services. They had been contacted the previous Saturday during our door knocking work. On the 28th we had a visit from Bobby and Donna Clarke who have been receiving our weekly e-mail messages. So far, neither has returned, but we have been trying to follow up with them. We also had a visitor on Sunday November 21st from a lady named Dale Husband. Her son lives next door to our building. She said she was looking for a church, but wanted one that offered the type of music that she had previously enjoyed in a Pentecostal church. I have yet to follow up with her, but plan to do so.

My family and I remained home for Thanksgiving and plan to stay home through the Christmas holidays as well. I have a first cousin from Birmingham whose husband is in very serious condition. He is currently in Intensive care due to a series of uncontrollable seizures. For this reason, I may be making a trip to Alabama before the end of the year.

My financial situation is unchanged:	LOCAL SUPPORT:	\$3900.00
	OUTSIDE SUPPORT:	
	East Side - Baytown, TX	1,250.00
	7 th Street - Trenton, FL	500.00
	Larry Coffey- Louisville, KY	500.00
	Eastside - Butler, AL	<u>400.00</u>
	TOTAL:	\$6,550.00

Thank you for your continued support. Please continue to pray that we will be persistent and bold in preaching the Gospel of Christ.

Sincerely,
Ed Barnes