

Trenton church of Christ
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To the elders, deacons, and saints at Trenton,

Best wishes from East Tennessee! The Smoky Mountain church is doing fine this month. Bob Bedette is scheduled to go home today. The Wallace family will be moving to the Washington D.C. area soon and will be sorely missed. Fortunately we have had some new folks coming and seem to be interested in placing membership. We were glad to see the McElroy family and friends this month, I hope they enjoyed their visit. I had the privilege of attending a Preacher Training class held in Dahlgren, IL. again this year. It is sponsored by individual Christians in the Kansas City area and is taught by Ken McDaniel, L.A. Stauffer, J.R. Bronger, and Gale Towles. It was a lot of material in a short period but was very encouraging and instructive. If you know of any young (or older) men aspiring to preach I would definitely recommend this week long study.

Preaching and teaching in the assembly

Sermons this month have included a sermon on *Marriage Divorce and Remarriage*, one on a passage in Jeremiah titled *Is Anything Too Hard for God*, a Father's day sermon titled *Our Heavenly Father*, and last week a lesson on Barnabas called *Barnabas Son of Encouragement*. Most of these lessons are available for listening on our web- site. My class on Sunday morning has covered *Jeremiah* through *Daniel* and the Wednesday class has covered the subjects of *transubstantiation, continual cleansing, Romans 14 and its application, Holy Spirit baptism, and Institutionalism*.

Personal contacts and studies

John and I have been able to meet a couple of more times this month to study during his lunch break. He has been attending much more this month and also encouraging his wife to attend. Most of the rest of my time has been spent talking and studying with Carl about his marriage situation. In the course of studying, his

(unscriptural) wife found out and threw him out of the house. Since that time she has been very hostile to him, me, and the Church. I have offered to study with her but she wants no part of us. Two weeks ago Carl came forward and repented of his adulterous relationship and asked for the prayers and help of the congregation. He told me Wednesday he had filed for divorce. We are very concerned for the soul of his teenage daughter who is a babe in Christ. Please earnestly pray for Carl, Sheri and Bonnie and for me that this will turn out for the best.

We continue to add new students to our correspondence course studies. Two of them continue to send questions and comments for me to read and answer. I hope that at least some of these studies will translate into future conversions in the areas where they live.

I am very thankful that the Trenton congregation is able and willing to support me in preaching the gospel in East Tennessee. Thank you and God bless you!

Your fellow laborer in Christ,

Lon Spurgeon