

Dear Brethren,

Just when we thought we might get some spring weather, another cold snap brought more snow! We've had a long spring run off this year because of all of the late snow, early rain, and continued wet weather. Here in the mountains, that means the rivers run high, nearly overflowing their banks, for nearly a month now. It does look like we have some better weather forecast for the next few days, though, so we are looking forward to that!

We are currently awaiting the birth of my niece. Justin's wife, Laura, is due on June 27th, but we all think the baby will make her appearance some time in the next few days. We are all excited to add another little one to our small group! Please keep Laura and her little one in your prayers, that she might have a safe delivery and a healthy start here in the world!

Yesterday (I know that is actually in June, and not May, but I want to pass on the good news ASAP ;)) Joseph Stagner placed membership with us in the work here in Bozeman. Joseph moved up here from Arkansas several years ago, having decided to leave the Lord. However, after 3 years, he began to consider his life, and decided to return to Him. Joseph found us, and started attending with us a week ago. He has shown his repentance to us, and plans to make things right with the group that he left when he moved here. Joseph is a great encouragement to us, and we are looking forward to working together to grow in the faith! Please keep Joseph in your prayers as he works to re-dedicates himself to faithful service. I believe he has great potential, and will be an asset to the work here! Joseph lives in Townsend, MT, which is about 60 miles out of Bozeman, so he will be showing dedication by faithful attendance!

We are continuing to have good studies throughout the week. We are currently studying 1 John on Thursday evenings. I had a very good conversation with one of the baristas at the coffee shot that we meet at. She seemed very open to bible study, so I am hopeful (perhaps with a few more interactions) that she might be willing to join one of our studies. On Friday mornings, we have two studies. The first (at 8 AM), we are reading through, and discussing the book of 1 Samuel. In the second (10 AM) we are doing the book of Romans. I am just about finished with our study of How to Study the Bible on Sunday mornings. I plan to finish up with that study next Sunday, or the one after that at the latest. Our next study on Sunday morning is going to be focused on looking at what a Christian is supposed to look like. I believe I will entitle this study "Walking Worthy of Your Calling". I am already excited about the possibilities for that study! On Wednesday evenings, Justin is teaching the book of Philippians. As that has been at the top of my list of "favorite books" for some time, I am particularly enjoying that study!

Over the years, I have mentioned my friend, Jim, several times. Every time I think I might be making some progress with him, it seems something happens to destroy the momentum. A few days ago, he contacted me, open to having another bible study. I went to his home, and we

studied for about 3 hours. I was hopeful that he was ready to get serious, and we might make real progress with him. However, I got word a couple days ago that he is having some major problems, in many areas, including his family life. Perhaps, it will take hitting a true low point for him to be willing to listen to the gospel message. As I continue to try and share God's message with him, I'd appreciate prayers that he might listen, and that I might have the wisdom to deal with difficult circumstances. If only those who are in the world could see what Solomon saw so many years ago. Joy, and happiness, will never be found in the pleasures of this world. Most of those "pleasures" end up bringing nothing but pain and heartache.

I have recently been preaching through the "I AM" statements in the book of John. It is truly amazing how much we can learn about Jesus through these statements! I hope to have these available online shortly.

Speaking of online materials, I still have not been able to get my websites restored. We still have our website for the church functional, but that is on a separate server from my other sites that I have maintained for many years. It is so time consuming to get the websites up and running, I simply have not had the time to sit down and work on them. In one way, it is great that we are busy enough to not leave time for the online work. On the other hand, I do think there is good benefit from having materials online where we can point people who aren't quite ready to sit down with us. I may decide to simply expand the website for the church to include much of the information that I had on previous sites, instead of trying to resurrect them. I do miss having a blog format to publish articles on! I'll keep you posted on what I decide to do moving forward (when I decide!).

We have officially entered into our "visitor season", and we love it! We had 27 in attendance yesterday, with visitors from Florida, Arkansas, and Texas. While our purpose in our work here is certainly not "for visitors", we are encouraged when they come to worship with us. We often are told how thankful they are for our presence, as there are not any other sound congregations close to us. At least two couples mentioned yesterday that they were thankful we were here, as they made travel arrangements around finding a sound congregation to worship with, and we were the only one any where close to this area, which they wanted to visit.

As I close, I want to say a heart felt, "Thank You!" We so appreciate you all and your willingness to help us in the work here in Bozeman. I believe good things are happening here, and that is fruit to your labor! May God continue to bless you in the work there.

Your Servant,

Kris Brewer