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Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." (Mark 1:17)

Here we are at the end of another couple of months, and the time is still flying by. I know this year seems to be going faster than any one before it...but then that is the nature of growing older, I am afraid! We are already starting to see a change in the weather, and it is feeling like fall here in the Rocky Mountains. There are already reports of snow fall in the upper regions of Yellowstone National Park.

Travels...

We were able to take a few days and travel to Albuquerque, NM, to visit Cynthia's parents. They moved there at the beginning of the year, and we have been looking forward to seeing that area of the country. We had never been through any of the southwestern states, so it was a joy to see all of God's handiwork there. We had a great visit with family, and I was blessed to have the opportunity to speak to the group that Cynthia's father, Johnny Stringer, works with there. We look forward to being able to go back down there sometime in the future to see more of the area!

Ongoing Studies...

Not much has changed since my last report as far as the studies we are conducting. We continue to have a study on Thursday evenings at a local coffee shop. We are currently studying 2 John as we work our way through John's epistles. We are also continuing through the book of Romans during a study at a different coffee shop on Friday mornings. We have had to pause another study on Friday mornings for a few weeks, but plan to get back to that again in the near future.

On Sunday mornings, I am continuing our study on "Walk Worthy of Your Calling." Recently, we have been spending quite a bit of time examining Romans 6. For us to understand what a Christian should look like, we need to understand what makes a true Christian. This chapter shows clearly the essentiality of baptism, as well as God's expectations that those who are baptized into Christ will devote themselves to living a different kind of life moving forward.

On Wednesday evenings, Justin recently finished up a study of the book of Philippians. I probably have mentioned this before, but the book of Philippians is one of my favorite studies. Paul had so much to say about the unity of the local body in that short epistle! We learn what God expects of His people as they work together to spread the gospel message, and as they worship together. Doing things God's way makes it much easier to have peace in the church! Justin has begun a study centered in 1 Kings. He intends for this to be a more brief study that will probably only continue for a few weeks.

We continue to have quite a few visitors who are traveling through our area on Sunday mornings. Occasionally we have visitors that will be in our area on Wednesday evening, but most have traveled on after spending time with us on Sunday. We are often encouraged by those who are traveling through. Frequently these visitors mention how thankful they are for our presence in the area, as they had been concerned about finding sound brethren to worship with. They cannot know how blessed we feel to have them find us, and spend the Lord's day with us!

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Average Attendance:

Sunday: 19

Wednesday: 16

church in Prattville, AL, join us in the work here in Bozeman. I am looking forward to getting to know the folks there, as we have had opportunity to get to know those who have already been helping us in this work.

Thanksgiving...

We are so thankful for all who support us in the work here. It would be difficult to do this work without your financial support and constant encouragement. Please keep us in your prayers!

In other news...

I know I have mentioned my friend, Jim, several times over the years. I have tried to not give up on him, and have had many studies with him. He's never seemed to be ready to be serious about his spiritual wellbeing. Over the last few months, he has had a lot of issues in his family, and with the law, which has landed him in the local detention center. I have been doing what I can to help him to see that his circumstances are the result of his actions, and that he needs to make some serious changes. I have probably spent more time than I should trying to help him, visit with him, and study with him in his current situation. However, he has shown some inclination to make improvements and listen to what the scriptures have to say. He currently is in jail, awaiting a resolution to his legal issues. He has been willing to talk with me, and has been reading much more in scripture during his time incarcerated, which has led to us being able to have good discussions during visits. I tell you all this so that I can ask for your prayers on his behalf, as well as for me. I pray I can have the wisdom to know how to deal with this situation, and when I need to draw a line of trying to help.

Support...

In my last report I mentioned that we were trying to raise some support that we had lost. I am happy to report that we have now been able to find what we were lacking. We are happy to have the East Shelby church in Collierville, TN, and the Prattville