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Monthly Support Report

Dear elders,

Well, another month passes. It's good to be able to sit and collect my thoughts and share them with you for the month of September 2019. It's my prayer that this report finds you and the good congregation there well and spiritually rejoicing in our God and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I know that each month can bring about its own challenges that we must face. And face them we do, to the best of our ability with the strength that God supplies us, and with the encouragement of the good brothers and sisters in Christ that surround us. Isn't it a blessing to be surrounded with good brethren who offer us support and encouragement? God certainly knew what He was doing when he organized the church of His Son the way that He did, didn't He? What a tremendous support system it is both in good times and in bad.

We are doing well. Our health is good, as far as we know. It's flu-shot season. That's my health reminder. October is an excellent month for getting your flu-shot. If you get it in October it will last throughout the flu season. Don't forget to get your flu-shot. That's my public service reminder for you.

Our son Aaron, who is at Florida College is doing well. He is enjoying his second year at Florida College as he gets ready for his second year of basketball. Yes, he does other things other than play basketball there. He actually has one of the tougher math classes he will take this year. Calculus 2 and he is also taking Physics. Another difficult class. So, he is having to study pretty hard. He is also enjoying his second year as a member of the University church of Christ there. They have a very fine eldership and there are about ninety other College students who attend there with Aaron. I've appreciated the way the elders hold College students accountable and how much they try to involve them and encourage them. Aaron speaks highly of the Bible Classes and as his parents we are ever so thankful and appreciative for the many activities the congregation and the individual members provide for the wellbeing and encouragement of the students. It brings us as parents a great amount of peace and comfort to know our sons and daughter are in such good hands being so far away from home. While Leigh and I know some of the members personally at the University church,

we left it up to Aaron to decide for himself where he wanted to be a member while at FC. Clearly, we're both very pleased with his decision and very happy with his personal spiritual growth. Members of the University church have also communicated to us very positive things about Aaron's involvement and growth. You probably don't know much if anything about my basketball background, and that's not important. But Aaron and I have always played together and communicated quite a bit about basketball. We still do. But what pleases me most is that more and more of our conversation is geared toward what he's learning in Bible Class at FC and or at the University church. And that's because he's excited about those classes and what he's learning. God's word is exciting isn't it?

We've had a very positive month. It looks as though we will have another family of 5 joining us. They are a good family, with 3-small children. Can you believe we may have more small children? What a wonderful blessing to have. If they make their decision to be a part of us that will give us 14-children 14-years-old and under. We will be blessed to have that many young people not counting the 3-college students that we have. We just recently restructured our Bible Classes to accommodate the different age groups that we have. Fortunately for us, we are also blessed with some very talented current and former educators to direct us in doing this.

So, we're making some progress in our growth. In numbers, yes. But, so far the numbers have been quality. Men and women who are willing to join themselves to us understanding the effort that we're making for the Lord. For His glory and honor. And, understanding that we're a group of Christians who stress unity, peace and love based upon the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Two weeks ago I began a series of sermons bearing the title "Discipline for the Disciples." I've had that title on my calendar for about one-year now, but it wasn't until about 2-months ago that I decided the direction I wanted to take with that title and the series. Now that I've finalized my plans, I must say that it's been a long time since I've been this excited about a series of lesson. My beginning point is Psalm 19 where as you know the Psalmist emphasizes different characteristics and qualities about God's word. Along with Psalm 119, it's easy to talk about how wonderful God's word is. But, the series isn't going to be only about how great and important God's word is, I'll also focus on other subjects as well. But, sometime in the near future when you have time, read Psalm 19. There are only 14 verses. And beginning with verse 7, do a word study and see what the Psalmist has to

say about "the law of the Lord." It's an amazing word study that you'll appreciate.

I'll close with that thought. Thanks for reading. Thanks for everything. For your encouragement, for your prayers for me personally, for Leigh, who is such a tremendous help, and for Aaron, who is a very fine young man. Thank you for all of your prayers for the work that we are attempting to do in this place. In everything we do we are trying to save souls and bring glory to God. Your prayers, and your financial support is so very much appreciated. And your friendship is appreciated as well.

God bless.

Randy