

## ***January 2020 Report from Bozeman, MT***

Greetings from Bozeman! Winter has finally set in, and we are getting snow. We had a particularly mild January, with average temperatures being in the 40s. We knew that wouldn't last forever, and I for one am glad, as I love the winter and love the snow!

January proved to be a busy month. After having some slow time around the holidays, we have had our schedule fill back up with good opportunities. We have a full slate of studies every week, besides what presents itself as opportunities of a more impromptu nature.

Our community study on Friday evenings is now in the book of Revelation. Mike Philips has been leading that discussion, and we have had several visitors to the study. One lady in particular has made every one of these studies, except for one in which she was traveling out of town. She seems to be a good Bible student, so we are hopeful about continuing with discussions with her.

We have started reading the book of Hebrews for our Friday morning community study. Hebrews is also the book we chose this year for our repetitive reading schedule. We publish this schedule on our website and in our bulletin, and plan to read the book through 12 times this year. I have started a new online study around this reading schedule, and have enjoyed connecting with some folks across the country as we study. We've had folks from West Virginia, Virginia, and Kentucky (as well as here in Montana) participate in the study.

I am continuing the study, "[Walking Worthy of Your Calling](#)" on Sunday mornings. I'm a bit behind in updating the website with the material, but I think the study itself

is going very well. We have spent quite a bit of time in Romans 12 over the last few weeks, looking at what Paul describes as the image of a true Christian. I am planning to move on into chapters 13-15 before changing the format over to particular topics that Christians need to be diligent about.

Justin has been continuing his study in 1 Samuel through January. As he is wrapping that study up, he is planning to start a new study soon in the Minor Prophets.

I continue to have ongoing studies and discussions with my friend Jim. Overall, he seems to be doing well, though I know there are some very serious times that lie ahead for him. He has been very successful thus far in overcoming his alcohol addiction, and has become very focused on doing right by his family, especially his daughters. We are still trying to break down his preconceived notions about "religion" and what the Bible teaches on various things (such as initial salvation). But the door continues to be open, and I am trying to take full advantage of the opportunity. Continued prayers on his behalf are much appreciated!

### ***Member News...***

The Philips family, who moved here just after Thanksgiving in 2018, had planned to be here about 15 months because of a treatment their son was in here in Helena. He has now completed his treatment, and is back at home. The good news is that they Philips family has decided to stay here in Bozeman, and continue working with us! We are very excited about this decision, and we look forward to the good that can be done because they chose to stay and work in this corner of the Kingdom.

We also heard recently that James and Jonna Winburn, who lived here a couple of

years ago, may be moving back to our area. They moved away to Alabama for a new job, and to be closer to family that needed some assistance at the time. Things have not been working out for them as well as they had hoped on the job front, and so they are now looking to move back to our area, where they will also be able to help us with the work in the Kingdom here once again. We are excited about this prospect, and pray that it will actually work out for them to return to this area. I know they can be a great addition to the growing work!

### ***Thanksgiving...***

We are so thankful for your support and encouragement of the work here in Bozeman. Please continue to pray for us as we spread the gospel! Also, please remember the Winburns and the Philips in your prayers. There is much good going on here right now, and I know both of these families can have a great impact on our efforts here!