

Dear Brethren,

Greetings once again from Montana! We have had a beautiful, and mild autumn thus far, but over the last couple of days we're finally getting some cold weather. This may be the latest in the year that we have received our first snow since we moved here over 6 years ago! It is a blessing that the snow finally is falling, as it has been a very dry year and that always means a lot of forest fires in our part of the country. Resources have been stretched very thin for several months, and fires have been burning since June. So, everyone is quite happy to see the moisture come, and we hope and pray that it will be enough to get things into control for the guys who have been fighting the fires across our state. We know that the weather will warm back up, and this snow will melt, but perhaps it will get some of the fires out, and help control them especially at the higher elevations!

The work continues to go well. I am enjoying teaching the book of Genesis on Sunday mornings. We have spent quite a bit of time working our way through the first 4 chapters of the book, and have been able to expand discussions into some very interesting topics. As we have several in their teenage years, I think it has been good to discuss the creation, and why we have confidence in the account of the scriptures.

We recently finished up the book of Ephesians on Wednesday evenings. We are going to have a week or two of an interim topic, and then I will be starting a class on the epistles to Timothy and Titus. At that same time, Justin is going to start a class with our younger teens, and will be starting with a study of Creation and Evolution. This should prove to be a good companion study to the one that we have been doing in Genesis.

My class in the book of Acts on Friday mornings has been going well. We have, unfortunately, lost all of the locals who had been participating in that class. I am still enjoying being able to study with several folks in other places as we make our way through the book. I have been hopeful to start another study in a local place, but thus far I have not been able to get it worked out. Cynthia and I may simply start one in our home with the hope of getting some of our neighbors to join us.

I continue to try and work with my friend Jim. This is proving to be a very difficult situation, as he has now begun to date a woman that does not have a biblical right to remarry following her divorce. This has led to some very hard discussions, and I am not sure how it will eventually shake out. I have done a couple of sermons focused on our responsibility to do just what God has commanded in His word, and on the topic of Counting the Cost of serving God. They both say that they want to do what is right...but their actions to this point are not reflecting that sentiment. I hope you will continue to pray for them that their hearts would be open to truth, and for me that I might have wisdom in trying to teach and to deal with the situation as it develops.

I made a brief trip in September for some of the secular work that I have started to do to help absorb the rising costs of living here in Bozeman. I went to Charleston, SC for some meetings and trainings for the company I am now working with. The highlight of my trip was the chance to meet with the brethren in Goose Creek, SC on Sunday morning where Nick Wichard is working. I had the opportunity to meet Nick several years ago at a lectureship on Evangelism that we both participated in, and quickly came to love and appreciate his work and the way that he studies and articulates material. It was great getting to see him, even if briefly, and catch up for a little while. He did relate that Covid had impacted the congregation there pretty significantly, so please keep those brethren in your prayers as well!

Thank you all for your continued interest in our work. We thank the Lord for your fellowship with us in this endeavor constantly. May He continue to bless Him as you work in His kingdom!

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