

Brethren,

Somehow I have allowed the time of sending this brief update to slip past me once again. Things have been quite busy around here lately. Justin had the opportunity to take a trip back east to visit family for a few weeks, and that has caused my regular schedule of things to be thrown off a bit. I guess we get into a groove, and sometimes the littlest things can affect it!

We've been having some very good studies lately, and have had several visitors join in. We are still doing our community type studies on Zoom, as we have been having several regular visitors that we don't want to cut out by going back to all local studies. We are in the process of planning to get back to the more local studies, while continuing some of the online studies to maintain contact with those folks. We are continuing a study of Mark on Thursday evenings, which Mike Philips has been leading. On Friday mornings, we are also continuing a study of the book of Acts. We are currently trying to set up a time to do another study in the book of Acts with some of the family and friends of one of our members, Joey Stagner. We are hopeful that will be profitable, though they too are not local to Bozeman.

On Sunday mornings I have started a study in the book of Genesis. We are spending quite a bit of time in chapter 1, as I see this chapter as the foundation for the whole rest of scripture. We have spent some time talking about God's creative power, expressed through His word. "God said..." followed by "and it was so" is such an important concept in the first chapter of Genesis. It expresses that when God speaks, He has every expectation that His creation will listen, and respond with absolute and unquestioning obedience. As a part of that creation, He expects nothing less of us!

I continue to work with my friend Jim, and ask you to continue to pray for him. Though he has made great progress in many areas, we are still struggling with

getting him to understand that his denominational baptism is not what the New Testament requires of him. He now has some things in his life that are leading him further away from biblical obedience, and I am hopeful that we can get him to listen to scripture so that he will not compound mistakes he has made in years past. He is still studying with me, so the door is very much open, and I am far from thinking it is time to give up on him yet.

We have started to see some things returning to normal in the aftermath (I hope it is not too early to use that word!) of Covid. We are actually seeing some visitors traveling through our region, vacationing again. Last year we saw very few due to quarantining requirements and travel restrictions. This morning we had 31 in attendance, which was very encouraging to us all. Being a small work, in a vacation area, it is always a boost to have those who make it a priority to worship with us while in their travels!

We are hoping to be able to make a trip to north Alabama at the end of this month. We have tried to take our kids back to a summer camp in Russellville, Alabama, where they get to be with their friends for a few days every year. Before we moved here, we were committed to doing this for them if at all possible, because we believe that association is so important for them. We are quite isolated here, and there are not many Christian kids their age, so we think it important to give them the opportunity, however brief, to spend time with good families. We were able to get reasonably priced plane fare for this trip, so we will be able to save about 7 days of travel, which will be refreshing for us!

I hope this update finds you all doing well. We appreciate you all, and the interest you have in our work here. May God continue to bless you all in your efforts for His kingdom.

Your Servant,  
Kris Brewer

