

Lee Elkins February 2016 Report

To the Elders at Fairview Park Church of Christ

I would like to take this opportunity to give you guys an update on how things are going on here at the local work and myself this past month. I hope and pray that everything is going well for all of you this past month.

The local work here in Monticello is still continuing to do well. This past month has been somewhat rough as far as everyone getting sick though. It seemed as though every time we would assemble, we would have a few out with a stomach virus, strep throat, or some other sickness. There is an elderly couple that assembles with us that has had a tough time this month. Kent and Pat Rudder are both very faithful in coming to worship services but brother Kent has been dealing with some issues with his dialysis. He recently had a port put in for his dialysis but they have been having to deal with it not draining properly and possibly having a blockage in the port. Until they get this fixed, he cannot use his dialysis machine but he has to do everything manually which is very time consuming. They are also getting ready to move up near the Russellville area to be near one of their children because of brother Rudder's health problems. They are asking everyone to pray for them as they try to find answers and transition during their move. We also had an elderly sister, Betty Colvin, out for quite some time due to an illness and rehab. She has been wheelchair bound for about two years so her legs became very weak while she was sick. She was in rehab for about one month and she was at worship services with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren on the last Sunday 02/28/2016 of February. We are hoping to see them all return with her on a regular basis because her grandchildren and great-grandchildren had never been to a Church of Christ. They all seemed very interested and even stayed around after services to ask questions about what we do. We all offered them an invitation to return to Bible classes on Wednesdays and reminded them about our services every Sunday morning. They said that they are planning to return and may be interested in setting up a private in home study with me sometime soon. It is our hope and prayer that they all come back to continue to study and learn more about God's Word.

We are still in the process of looking for a new place to assemble. We have yet to find anything that would be suitable for us but we are doing our best to look for a location that will allow us to grow. I am still waiting to hear back from a local realtor who had a small church building rented out to a small Pentecostal group but they disbanded at the first of the year. He stated that he is trying to fix it up before he rents it out again.

This past month was not as friendly as January as far as health goes for my family. I mentioned in my last letter that Nathaniel was having a dark colored discharge coming from his left ear. The ear drops seemed to help but we are still waiting for his appointment with his ENT doctor which should be coming up on March 7th. During that appointment, we will also have a discussion about the possibility of having Nathaniel's tonsils removed. Nathaniel came down with strep throat again this month and he has had more than three cases of positive strep throat in 12 months. His tonsils are not huge but they are somewhat enlarged so that is also a concern of ours. If you could keep him in your prayers, we would really appreciate it. Logan did not test positive for strep throat but he was sick part of this past month. He dealt with a terrible cough and a stomach virus. Sarah was also very sick this past month. She is actually still sick and we are waiting until she finishes up her antibiotics before we take her back to the doctor. She has been dealing with high fever, fatigue, cough, congestion, and terrible headaches for about 9 days. We are hoping that the medicine she has been taking will take effect and help her. If not, she will go back to the doctor to see what he says. I have somehow managed to dodge this lovely plague that has terrorized my household so far. It has been a tough month for us all and with me trying to keep

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up with all of my work. We are praying that everyone recovers as soon as possible and that we get good news from Nathaniel's doctor.

I am thankful for the support that you guys continue to send me. I want you to know that I really appreciate your prayers and words of encouragement as I continue to work here at this local church. It encourages me to see brethren in other areas working and striving to do the Lord's will. I hope and pray that the work continues to grow and prosper. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns. You may contact me anyway you wish. My contact information will be below.

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