

Lee Elkins
May 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.

This past month has been good at the local work. We had two new members place membership with us. They live in Crossett and were worshipping at the Union Heights Church of Christ in El Dorado. That church just recently closed this past month. Some of their members went to the Woodland Church of Christ which is located in Haynesville, LA and then the two from Crossett decided to place membership with us. We may also have another young man place membership with us as well but only time will tell with him. He used to worship at the Franklin Drive Church of Christ in Texarkana but he has lived in Warren for the past year if I am not mistaken. He currently teaches at a small school in Hermitage, AR. He recently visited with us and noted that he did not realize that we were in the area until recently. I will explain that in detail in just a moment. As of right now, he has been applying for teaching positions up in Bentonville, AR and he mentioned that he has been looking for jobs over in North Carolina as well. We are praying that as he searches for a new location that he will continue to come worship with us until he does find a position elsewhere. Over the past quarter, brother Marshall Baughn has been teaching the Sunday morning Bible Study on Jeremiah and I have been teaching the Wednesday night Bible Study out of Genesis. This next quarter begins on the first Sunday of June and I will be teaching both the Sunday morning Bible Class while continuing our study in Genesis. We have had a couple members have surgery this month. One was a knee replacement and the other was to have some cancer spots removed from the facial area that was malignant. Both surgeries went well for sister Donnie Morgan and sister Betty Colvin. Overall, we are doing well and we are trying to do our best in spreading the Gospel.

It was also this past month that I traveled over to Texarkana to preach at the Franklin Drive Church of Christ on May 15th. This is how I learned of the young man that lived in Warren. His family have been members at the Franklin Drive Church for quite some time. As I was talking and getting to know everyone while I was there, we began to talk about the surrounding cities around Monticello. When I mentioned Warren, they began to talk about their son. They mentioned that he had been frustrated because he could not find a sound congregation in the area. The very next Sunday, which was May 22nd, he showed up to worship with us. As I mentioned before, we are praying that he continues to come worship with us as he looks for other positions in other locations. I am also scheduled to preach at a Gospel Meeting at the Hepburn Ave Church of Christ on July 14th and 15th. I will be speaking on a Thursday and Friday evening.

In my last letter, I mentioned that I had staph infection near my left knee. The infection finally went away but the bump remained and was still painful. I ended up having a MRI done and the doctor said that it was cellulitis. As of now, the infection has gone away but the bump is slowly going away. He said that it was something that would not require surgery and that it would take time to fully go away. With that said, the job at Armstrong was terminated due to the point policy that they go by. Even though I was under doctor's orders not to work, they only allow two excused days off. Overall, that is rather frustrating because it was something that was out of my control but at the same time, I have been able to return back to my normal work schedule.

I am thankful for the support that you guys have set aside to help me during our time of need. I want you to know that I really appreciate your prayers and words of encouragement as I continue to do the work of an evangelist. It encourages me to see brethren in other areas working and striving to do the Lord's will. 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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