

# WILSONVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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To the saints of Christ's church that meets at Fairview Park with the elders and deacons. We send you greetings and joy for our common faith and hope in the Lord.

God has been good to us by richly blessing us.

Our study of Esther is finished. It is important to see that God did not abandon those of his people who chose not to go back to the old homeland. God always favors those who have their faith in him. It is also interesting to note that remaining faithful can affect the attitude of those around us as we can see from the reading of Esther.

We are now beginning Ezra. The work of Ezra, Zerubbabel and Nehemiah is most interesting as they reestablished a system of living and worship that had long been polluted and abhorrent to God. It is a lesson on how when we may find ourselves at the bottom, we turn it around by going back to the fundamentals and begin anew. In so doing we must force ourselves to clean away the dross. *"Thus saith Jehovah, Stand ye in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way; and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls: but they said, We will not walk (therein)."* Jeremiah 6:16. Eventually, one must stop refusing to "walk therein." The books of Ezra and Nehemiah will be worthwhile studies.

Our mid-week class has begun studying the book of James. Practical Christianity that is as applicable today as it was two millennia ago.

My wife had surgery to remove a bone in her foot earlier this week. I have been busy assisting her in her needs. She is supposed to stay off of her foot for three weeks then begin a gradual process of placing weight upon it. There are two pea size bones underneath, in recesses, the bone that goes from the big toe to the arch of the foot. Due to her long standing bunion problems, the big toe pointed in and over time it forced these two small bones out of their recesses which causing the sufferer to walk on them as with a stone in their shoe. One bone had migrated so far that it was no longer a problem, but the larger of the two became arthritic as well as misplaced. The doctor said once she heals she should be okay. God blessed us with a good doctor, good insurance and no surgical complications, so far.

The graciousness of your continuing support to me is never taken for granted. I continue praying to God for His blessings on the work in Little Rock and the members thereof. Thank you.

In Christ,

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Evangelist