

# 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.

Not much new to report. I did stop by the residence of our lady visitor from the institutional congregation in Woodburn, OR. I was happy to see that she was okay. I was disappointed to learn that she was only attending our congregation until she could obtain new transportation to allow her to again drive to Woodburn and her preferred congregation. How all of us missed that is a mystery. Perhaps we were less wise as serpents and more harmless as doves, Matthew 10:16.

The congregation she has resumed attending on Sundays is, as I earlier stated, "off the rails." They are associated with an ecumenical body, named "*Love INC*," comprised also of denominational churches with the goal of loving and caring for the community and its needy citizens. While speaking with her regarding her intentions to continue worshipping with us, she spoke glowingly of this organization and her volunteer work with an affiliated Presbyterian group. On their website, they speak of partner churches and list, along with the Woodburn church of Christ, two Presbyterian, a Christian, an un-denominational, a Nazarene, a Church of God, a Lutheran, a Methodist and a Foursquare church. Quite trendy for this part of the county. However, I would not be all that surprised if you have seen similar, in the mid-West.

On a positive note, she has stated a desire to attend our Wednesday evening Bible class as her congregation only meets on Sunday morning. So far, she has been with us two Wednesdays in a row. Perhaps over time, we can work with her to see that with "good works," the end does not justify the means. I am guardedly hopeful.

One of our member's mother died. She was Lutheran, as had been he. He chose the Lord's church, she did not. How sad. It is a sobering reminder that our heavenly families will not likely have much overlap with our physical families, Matthew 10:34-37.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support. I continue praying to God for His blessings for your members and the work in Little Rock.

In Christ,

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A gospel preacher