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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 precious faith and hope in the Lord.

Everyone is staying healthy, and the congregation continues to spiritually strengthen while at continued peace. For that, I am most thankful, and give God the glory.

My wife is in Texas visiting two sisters, our daughter, and her family. The trip was accelerated about six weeks due to some family turmoil involving one sister. Everything is fine, now, but I did not make the trip, and now probably will not. As I am taking care of the yard (her extensive flower beds), the pets (three dogs, three cats, a couple of strays, and most recently an injured white pigeon that, while now well, will not leave) as well as the house, I am humbled at how much she does and in a way that I often don't notice. I have always appreciated her, but must make that better known. God has blessed me immensely by her being in my life.

Beginning this month, I have lost \$1,000 support from a congregation. There is no problem between us. Some years back, they had been without a preacher and the elders decided to "bank" the salary they would have paid a preacher. Their purpose was to use the "banked" funds to support outside preachers. I was blessed with being one of those supported. Unfortunately, those funds are exhausted and all outside support ended.

I have a couple of irons in the fire that may produce some support. You have blessed me with an increase months ago that will help. My congregation has increased my support a small amount, so while the loss will cause a belt tightening, it will not be as bad as it could be. I have prayed that I can find some other congregations to help support me. My trouble is that being on the west coast, and not preaching full time until 50, I don't have much of a network on which to rely. That is not to say, that people haven't been good to me. I am so thankful for your continued support all these years. You are most helpful and kind.

We have a new family attending with us. They are well known and their daughter had been a member with us some years back. They are elderly too, and have their share of health problems. Nevertheless, their presence is encouraging.

Something was amiss with the email address of the man wanting to receive our bulletin. I tried several variations of his provided address with no success. As his contact was a random encounter, I suspect we may never have the opportunity to find out his correct email address.

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

In Christ,

Kevin R. Fermenick,
a gospel preacher