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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.

My wife and I were a bit surprised to see that the ER doctor, who first saw my wife, was correct in her initial concerns. My wife did, in fact, have septicemia (sepsis in the bloodstream). She is fine now, but her platelet count is below normal and her primary care doctor wants another blood draw in about a week from now to compare and see if her body is not rectifying the situation on its own.

The other sister in Christ with the bad esophagus and stomach issue is still "bad off." Her condition is unique enough that the three doctors treating her have never seen the condition in their combined years of practice. They now want to hold off on removing the esophagus and instead try some odd sounding treatments. One possible surgery must be performed out of state her condition is so rare.

Our Romans class is still going well. We are just finishing chapter three as many have not really considered the depth of the process of God's grace and Christ as our propitiation, in opposition to sin and the requirements of God's justice and its satisfaction. The class is really edifying everyone.

The Wednesday night Genesis class prompted some raised eyebrows when we reviewed Lot's actions in Sodom *vis a vis* his daughters and the degenerate men wanting Lot's visitors. I have already been given a heads up on explaining how Abimelech would want to "be with" Sarah when she was in her late 90's. Explaining 15th century B.C. oriental (what we think of as the orient, today, is not under consideration in Bible studies) culture to a 21st century A.D. westerner is not always easy.

Our visitor, who came with the man from Arizona is still with us, and appears to have found a home.

Last Wednesday evening a visitor from the community came. She is very withdrawn, socially (no eye contact etc.). However, she participated in the class and even provided her name and accepted a ride home from one of the members. Perhaps she is not another of the mentally ill residents in group homes scattered throughout our neighborhood. Her presence is nonetheless encouraging.

A man phoned me, a couple of days ago, stating that he is lost in his life. He said he visited us a few times some while back. I replied, "Then you know what our answer will be." He said, "I know, the Bible." He has agreed to meet to talk about his life and where it needs to be. I am excited for this opportunity.

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. May you continue being a blessing in good works for the kingdom of our Lord and Savior, the Christ.

In Christ,

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a gospel preacher