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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.

This month brought us immense sadness. One of our elderly sisters left us after ninety-eight years. On the other hand we are heartened and joyous in our confidence that this dear woman's soul is at peace in the bosom of Abraham awaiting the final day for heaven. She was such an encouragement to us all. Her love of God was always on her lips and she loved teaching children about God (she was a retired school teacher and librarian). Her failed health and inability to attend services, recently, is now over. This is a lesson for all of us regarding the hope that we should have that whatever disappointments befall us, one day, if we remain faithful, we will be freed from all pain and sadness at our current plight.

The Sunday morning class on millennialism and the kingdom of Christ concluded. I am now covering figurative language followed by numbers in the Bible. That should last around three weeks, then on to our goal, studying the Revelation. As stated in an earlier letter, some here have never studied this book. For others this will be only their second time. For our octogenarians, maybe it is the fourth or fifth time. This book is so important to the whole of the Bible in that it is the opposite bookend of Genesis. Through sin, paradise lost and through Christ, paradise restored. Mankind comes full circle in God's scheme of redemption.

The Wednesday Bible class is studying the Psalms. We will not cover all 150; rather, a sample from the different types of Psalms found in the Psalter. This study is a first for me. I have preached textual sermons from the Psalms, but never studied the Psalter as a book. I am gaining increased appreciation of their value. Additionally, in Ephesians 5:19 and Colossians 3:16 we see that we are to speak to each other in *psalms, hymns* and *spiritual songs*. While we no longer know how the psalms of older were sung, we do have songs in our hymnals based on psalms and use the text of the psalms as the verses. At Wilsonville, we sing those psalms along with the other songs in the hymnal.

As always, I thank you for your continued support for me and my work. I never take it for granted and am humbled by your desire for fellowship with us in our work in Wilsonville. 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