

James Hamilton
March/April 2018 Report

MAKING PROGRESS

We thank the Lord for the privilege of blessing us with good progress in the spring. This includes evangelism, new members, and increased activity. He is the source of all our opportunities, our wisdom, and our abilities to glorify Him in the work we do.

We know that all things work together for good to those who love God (Romans 8:28). In our recent experiences of lower attendance throughout the winter, we can now rejoice that many are recovering physically, and others are growing spiritually. To God be the glory.

BENTON

We thank the Lord for all those who have recovered from winter illnesses. Health improvement, more consistent family attendance, and new members have helped our average attendance to increase significantly since February.

I received a call from Betty Gibson, a Christian who recently moved to our area. She visited around some but settled on placing membership with us. Frank S. does a good job bringing her to worship. The Scribners have started coming on Sunday mornings. They had already been coming fairly often on Sunday evenings. Diana is a welcome addition to the small children's class since she brings some of her grandchildren to class and worship. Harvey has contributed in a positive way in our Bible class discussions.

Our Sunday evening assembly time at 4pm has been good for us, but we did have a couple of visitors that arrived closer to 5pm recently. Even with the difficulties it places on me on some Sunday afternoons, the church as a whole is better with the 4pm time instead of 5pm. The attitude of some members who prefer 5pm has been very unselfish and cooperative. We are enjoying a time of peace and spiritual maturity and the Lord is blessing us.

My schedule is full with weekly classes and studies over the phone. Ellen has also been studying with her friend Sherry A. by phone every week. Besides regular studies and talks with Jeff H. and Joey S., a brother had Nick S. call me about the work and responsibilities of local churches. It went well, and Nick will share what he learned with other members where he attends.

Each of the following studies are regular, but my studies with Bertha J. have become infrequent. March and April studies were: Mildred P. (Matthew), the Hicks family (Acts), Scott N. (First Principles), Jason C. (Christian Living), Angela (First Principles), the Phillips family (Old Testament), the Dickerson family (Old Testament), Rhonda J. (Acts), Richie (First Principles), Bertha J. (Psalms), Bunny T. (Proverbs), Joyce and Daryl M. (Matthew), The Manor (Matthew) and Thursday morning at Hwy. 5 (2 Timothy).

Besides the home and phone studies listed above, my weekly work includes personal visitation, two sermons, teaching Psalms to the adult Bible class, writing bulletin articles, and working with Don McClain on the radio program of the 65th St. church two days per week.

FELLOW WORKERS

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The year 2018 began slowly, but we are looking forward to continuing the work which the Lord has begun in us. Thank you for your fellowship in your generous support, your expression of confidence in me as a faithful servant of the Lord, and your prayers for me and my efforts. May the Lord bless our fellowship as fellow workers in the kingdom. May God bless you physically as He has blessed you spiritually.

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