

**James Lusby**  
*May 2016 Report*

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We did reach our goal for May, averaging over thirty each of the five Sunday mornings for the month. The high attendance was thirty-seven with a low attendance of thirty-two. Our goal now is to try to maintain thirties for the month of June. When we started with this congregation two years ago the attendance on Lord's Day mornings would be between eighteen to twenty. So, there has been some physical growth.

This month the congregation was able to make the last payment on the new baptistery. Perhaps, now, we will be able to save enough money to do some of the other pressing things that really need to be done to the building.

On a bright note we had the building full of people for the Gospel Singing on Friday night, May 13. The parking lot was full with some having to park on the grass lot behind the building. We had visitors from all over this area, here in Van Buren as well as from other towns and congregations - even some from Oklahoma and Texas.

We are very glad to report that the very faithful member we mentioned last month who was undergoing rehab for her broken hip is now back at home and has been to service the last few weeks.

We continued during the month our studies Sunday's and Wednesday's on the subjects of "Attitudes and Reactions to Congregational Problems" and the book of Hebrews.

Also Mardi and I continued our home studies on Friday night in May except for May 13 when we will had the Gospel Singing at the church building. The study during the month focused on What Jesus Says About Us.

In order to help brethren grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior our preaching during the month emphasized the subjects: What Determines Right; Psa 137:1-4; Fulling Vows; Forgiveness; and Setting Priorities.

Mardi and I appreciate very much your continued fellowship with us in this effort.

May our Lord bless you in your work for Him.

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