

Philip North
October 2017 Report

Dear brethren:

The year is fast approaching its conclusion. I hope all of you had a prosperous 2017. While there are always the good times and bad times to remember, I pray you have experienced more of the good than the bad.

You may recall that my wife, Sue, experienced quadruple bypass surgery a little over 2 years ago, which was before we married. She was not feeling well earlier this month, and so, was naturally concerned that her heart might be bothering her, being as she was feeling pain around that area. She spent one and a half days at Cox Hospital here in Branson for some tests. The tests showed that her heart was okay, but the pain much appeared to come from a muscle by the heart. She was given some medication, and is feeling better. We are both grateful for this. Please keep us both in your prayers. Most all of her physical trouble stems from the stress placed upon her, when caring for her now deceased husband, who departed this life from a most rare disease almost 3 years ago.

As well, please continue to pray for our Sister Jo Patterson, battling lung cancer. She has attended services from time to time, but it is most evident she is going downhill. Also, please pray for her good husband, Brother Ron Patterson. Before becoming ill, Sister Jo taught the visiting little folks. Since her illness, she has felt able to teach only once.

It has been awhile since I mentioned my case of glaucoma in my left eye. I have dealt with this situation for some 5 years now. I go to the doctor every 6 months for this. As you would figure, I must use eye drops a number of times each day. Thus far, I have only needed to wear reading glasses. However, I much expect to reach the point of needing prescription glasses. I am still able to drive. Please pray for my situation.

As mentioned in my last 2 reports, the time for the Sunday afternoon service will change to 2:00 p.m., beginning the first Sunday of 2018. Until then, we will continue to meet at the current 5:00 p.m. Please spread the word of this time change.

We always appreciate the many visitors who come our way here at Eagle Rock Road. We get many repeat visitors, which makes us feel all the better. It truly warms the heart to receive the many fine words of encouragement given to us by these good people, some of which have been you who read my reports. If you have visited us before, do come again. If not, come see us. You will find that we try to be a friendly congregation. I firmly believe that when a church is friendly, that is half the battle.

If anyone cares to know, yours truly turned 69 this past October 27th. How the years do fly! I am thankful to still have good health. To be able, thus far, to still move at a fast pace is a blessing for sure. I am grateful to the good Lord of Heaven for this.

We are finally and at last closing out studying the Psalms of King David in our Sunday morning auditorium class, which I teach. The conclusion will have taken place by the time many of you read this report. The series is the longest Bible class series I have ever taught, as it has gone on some some 5 years now! I must admit to feeling somewhat melancholy over this, as there has been the loss of 3 faithful members of ours since the series began.

We are also soon to conclude the study of Ephesians in the Wednesday evening auditorium class, which I also teach. Both classes have resulted in a lot of good class participation, which I much appreciate.

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When both class series are finished, I will, at the suggestion of one of our men attending here, begin with Matthew, and go through the entire New Testament, Lord willing. I will teach this series both the Sunday morning and Wednesday classes.

We are planning a gospel meeting, Lord willing, for sometime this coming April. We are not totally sure who will conduct it, but I will of course inform you when all is down pat.

I remind you of our website, which is www.eaglerockroadchurchofchrist.com/. We do appreciate those visiting us who tell us they checked out the site.

Sue and I will be gone during the week of Thanksgiving to spend it with her family in Kentucky, but I will be gone from church only on Wednesday. I will return on Saturday, November 25th, so as to be present to preach on the 26th. Please pray that we have a safe journey while traveling on the road to and from our destination.

That seems to be all the news to report, up to this moment. I am always thankful for the financial support given to me by all of you. Here is wishing everyone of you a happy Thanksgiving. But then, I know all of you, like me, realize that we need to be thankful to the Creator all the other days of the year, too.

Take care, and may the good Creator take a liking to you!

In Christ,
Philip North

HERE IS THE ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS FOR OCTOBER:

| DATE: | ATTENDANCE: | OFFERING: |
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| 1 | 19 | \$870.00 |
| 8 | 29 | \$1,345.00 |
| 15 | 36 | \$482.00 |
| 22 | 36 | \$282.00 |
| 29 | 31 | \$336.00 |