

December 29, 2015

Dear Brethren,

I am writing this from Cedar Park, Texas, as we are visiting family over the holidays. We will be returning to Oklahoma tomorrow.

My Sunday night series on "Elders and Their Qualifications" is underway. I began with a sermon which outlined the following reasons why we need the series: 1) We need men who will prepare themselves to serve; 2) We need wives who will help their husbands prepare; 3) We need as a congregation to always have the goal of being scripturally organized with elders and deacons in mind. The second sermon was on the duties of elders, and last Sunday evening I preached on the duties of the congregation toward elders. Now I am preaching on the qualifications of elders. The series is being well received by the congregation.

We continue to have the Ladies' Bible Study which is being taught by my wife, Tracy. There seems to be good participation and a lot of interest.

Our Sunday morning attendance in December has averaged 45. Only 37 were present last Sunday morning due to flooding in our area.

The congregation is saddened by the passing of a brother who had been part of this church for many years. Carl Goddard departed this life earlier this month. I preached the funeral along with Rob Lungstrum who was the preacher here before me. We have lost two members in death in the last two months.

In addition to the \$400 per week that I receive from Haileyville, my outside support received during the month of November is as follows:

Cedar Park, TX	\$1500
Greenwood, AR	\$1000
Louisville, KY	\$1000
Rogers, AR	\$500
McAlester, OK	\$500
Conway, AR	\$500
Grady, AR	\$200
Little Rock, AR	\$100
Total:	\$5300

Thanks so much for your fellowship in the gospel.

Sincerely,
Mike Pittman