

Mike Pitman
October 2017 Report

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Dear Brethren,

In my last report it was mentioned that my son-in-law, Devan Harber, is planning to begin full-time preaching sometime next year. He announced last Sunday to the Haileyville congregation that he will begin preaching in Poteau, Oklahoma, in January of 2018. This will be contingent on his ability to raise the necessary outside financial support for him and his family of four. Devan has a lot of ability and he is very dedicated, so we are glad that he has made this decision. On the downside, we will miss the contributions that both he and his wife (our daughter, Cara) have been making to the work here in Haileyville (not to mention the fact that he is moving our daughter and grandchildren further away!).

Devan and I continue to study together every week. Besides our study of "Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage", we have been covering some things related to conducting funerals and weddings.

During the month of October, I preached in Greenwood, Arkansas, and in Springdale, Arkansas. The brethren in Greenwood are supporting me in the work here in Haileyville. I preached in Springdale because I was invited to speak at their lectureship.

Though losing Devan and Cara is a blow to the congregation, we still have some young adults who are interested in their personal growth as well as in the growth of this church. We believe that in the years to come this congregation can be organized with qualified elders and deacons. There are, however, a number of challenges that must be faced. The brethren need to be encouraged to participate more faithfully in the Bible classes and in congregational worship. We also need to be exhorted to, as Philippians 1:27 says, "stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel..." We are not as united as we need to be. My preaching has been and will continue to be devoted to such aims.

Our Sunday morning attendance for the month of October averaged 50.

In addition to the \$450 per week that I receive from Haileyville, my outside support received during the month of October is as follows:

Cedar Park, TX	\$1500
Greenwood, AR	\$1000
Louisville, KY	\$1000
Rogers, AR	\$500
McAlester, OK	\$500
Conway, AR	\$500
Little Rock, AR	\$200
Total	\$5200

Please continue to remember us in your prayers.

Sincerely,
Mike Pittman