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To the saints of Christ's church that meets at Fairview Park with the elders and deacons. We send you greetings and joy for our common precious faith and hope in the Lord.

The last few weeks have been most encouraging. As of last week, we have had every member, but one, back with us at least one Sunday. There are those who continue to struggle with serious and chronic health issues that keep them away off and on. With this improvement in attendance, we are beginning to approach a sense of normalcy. Remember, though, the west coast will likely be the last to reopen and to relax the draconian rules on people gathering in groups. So we will be some weeks behind you, in Arkansas.

One of the brethren that attended last month was our intrepid "crash" truck driver. He looks well and no worse for wear. We hope he can maintain some manner of employment. He says he was exhausted and simply fell asleep rather than passing out from some ailment. He has a DOT physical coming up to see if he can continue professionally driving.

Two households left on vacations, albeit at different times. They are back now and it is good to have them with us again.

My father had some health failings while my mother was alive, but has, in the last few months, declined yet more. It is the family's decision that he cannot be left alone in the house. It is not that he can't take care of himself, now, but he sleeps a lot, tires easily, is increasingly forgetful and a diabetic with high blood pressure, so a proactive response is being taken. That means he is preparing his house for sale. Upon completions of the sale he will move to California with my youngest brother. I have bittersweet feelings about that as I enjoy his company immensely and will greatly miss him. On the other hand, my brother has the room to provide our father with what he needs to live a comfortable and comparatively free life. The climate will allow him to engage in activities indoors or out as he desires.

The preparation of my father's house for sale has been consuming a tremendous amount of my time this past month. I am also his POA and need to keep up with his financials and medical issues. As he is unable to substantively perform in getting the house ready to put on the market, the de-cluttering after fifty-two years of accumulation, with lot of trips to the landfill and charity drop offs fall on me. I also am a bit of a referee managing his emotions as you can imagine living there that long, raising his family there, and more recently having his wife and the mother of his children die in that house, produced a lot of them that need managing and encouragement. I also need to be a cheer leader to keep him motivated in his preparations as he can have some unrealistic expectations in what to hope for in the disposition of his property. My responsibilities should drop to almost zero after he leaves and will be much more manageable.

My brother was back in Portland, working remotely, and helping out our father. He was a tremendous help. However, he had to return to his home as his manager wanted him back and the university offices began opening for on campus working again. With his departure, the work is now almost solely mine. If it weren't for my wife's encouragement and help, I would be overwhelmed.

We are not getting any visitors or even phone calls anymore. Even during the height of Covid mania we had the occasional visitors as well as other folks inquiring about things on the phone. Then all of a sudden nothing. Strange. I anticipate that turning around soon.

I continue to pray that all of you are well. I never cease to thank you for your continued support for me and my work, nor do I take your support for granted. May God continue His blessings on your members and the work in Little Rock.

In Christ,

Kevin R. Fermenick,
a gospel preacher