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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.

It appears that our attendance is normal again. Last month I reported that we had most everyone back, but it was not known if that would continue. I am happy to say that it has, with one exception. The man baptized about six months ago, or so seemed to only come when his brother, a member, was present. Since, as a member, he is almost always in attendance, then his brother was here, thus appearing to be regularly attending. This member visited family in Kentucky for most of a month and so his brother was not here. In the past he would attend where his niece's family attends, a little closer to where he lives. Whether this will be his new normal, I don't know. I hope he returns to us. His desire to learn God's word is encouraging.

My father is in Minnesota visiting many of the remaining members of his side of the family. With the health of both his sister and brother in precarious condition, along with my father's failing health, this trip is sort of a goodbye tour. I am glad he is able to get there while all three are still healthy enough to enjoy each others' company.

My work on my father's house continues. What a massive undertaking. It has become all consuming. My folks lived there fifty-two years and in that amount of time, a lot of stuff, to be nice, had accumulated. Sadly, much of what they acquired is of no interest to younger people in the IKEA age. Older people already have what they need. I won't bother you with more of the details but it has been most stressful for him as he is realizing that his material life is destined for the landfill, recycling or a donation center. He finally told me to wait until he was in Minnesota before I finished cleaning out the house. I feel badly for him, but it has to be done.

My father won't return to a house as his visit is for most of the summer. With the Portland real estate market as hot as it currently is, once the house goes on the market, in about ten days, it should sell within days to a week. Two things result from that. One, I can get back to the things I need to attend with the church and my home, and secondly, we lose a valuable and loved member of the congregation as he then moves to his final home in southern California with my brother. Dropping him off at the airport, knowing he would not, likely, come back was one of the hardest things I had to do.

As normalcy returns to our congregation, we are planning to resume normal services with Bible class resuming both Sunday and Wednesday. Wednesday Bible class will be by Zoom. That will be new for us, but allows some older members that do not attend, as well as some whose work schedule on weekdays doesn't allow them the time to drive in due to how far away they live from the building an opportunity to participate in mid-week Bible class. This should allow for more attendance actually. The congregation is universally in favor of the move. I hope it works as planned. Something more for me to learn how to do, but I am hopeful and optimistic. It is our plan to begin our Revelation class from the beginning instead of trying to pick up where we left off a year ago. With the Wednesday class being in the Psalms, picking up where we left off will be fine.

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