

## Van Buren August 2021 Report

August at the Van Buren church has been spiritually rewarding. A young man, who has been off and on attending for about a year, recently met with the elders, and stated that he had not been as faithful as he should have been, and he knew that was unacceptable to the Lord. His desire was to straighten up his life, serve the Lord and place his membership with the Van Buren congregation. He is a talented young man who is willing to help with the song leading as well as any other assigned duties. The church welcomed him, and prayers were offered for his continued strength. As he grows, we anticipate he will be a great help in the work here.

As mentioned last month, the weekly bible studies that Mardi and I have in our home each Fall and Spring, are scheduled to begin the first of October, the Lord willing. I asked the members to submit, for consideration, any biblical subject they would like to discuss. Interest in the class is very encouraging. I am looking forward to the studies.

Since August is a five-Sunday month, a larger portion of our worship on the fifth Sunday is devoted to singing worship. We are now blest with several good and willing song leaders. The singing is preceded by prayers, the Lord's supper and the giving of our means. Following the singing is a short lesson and the invitation. The congregation always participates energetically as we edify one another in song.

Among those visiting with us this month is a man who is working here with the highway department for an extended period of time. He is very faithful to attend and has increasingly shown more interest and enthusiasm in the preaching of the gospel. Although he is a member of the Lord's church, his comments indicate that he is hearing truths that he has never been taught, or perhaps, has just forgotten. It is very edifying to see growth even in those visiting for a limited time.

The sermon and study topics for the month included: Lessons From The Book Of Exodus And Applications; What Faithful People Of God Will Always Do; What The Statement "My Lord" Means; Learning Contentment; The Nearness Of The Lord.

We also had our Congregational Singing the 5th Sunday of the month and had a very good turnout.

Mardi and I are so grateful for your support of the work we are doing here in Van Buren.

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