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October 16, 2023

Adamsville Church of Christ  
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Dear Brethren,

I would like to thank you again for being our valued partner in training students who will help evangelize the world and bring them to Christ. Heritage Christian University has been blessed by your past support, both spiritually and financially, throughout the years. Your generosity and dedication have allowed us to continue equipping and training workers in the Kingdom of God. It has impacted the lives of students and countless lost souls worldwide. With your help and God's, the size of our school has doubled in the last five years. What a great investment you have made! As we approach the new year, many churches will formulate their 2024 budget. We are reaching out to you to request your continued support. Your annual contributions are our financial stability. Without them, we could not exist. Without your gifts, we could not exist.

I am asking the Adamsville Church of Christ to keep us in your upcoming budget. If possible, also consider increasing your support. Due to our continued growth, our expenses continue to grow each year. We need more scholarships, teacher funding, and money to maintain the many physical needs of our campus. You have probably heard me say, 'That's a great problem to have!'. This is so true! We understand that these are challenging times. That's what makes your support more crucial than ever. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like more information about the specific needs of HCU.

Once again, thank you for your past support, and we pray for your continued partnership. I pray that God will continue to bless the Adamsville Church of Christ and may we strive to make a lasting difference in the world together.

In His service,

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Vice President of Advancement  
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Dear Adamsville Church of Christ,

I pray this letter finds you having a blessed day! We are a month into the new semester, and we have a great group of students this fall. We graduated a large class of 25 in May, but we still have 158 students. To put that in perspective, this means **we have 150+ students in back-to-back semesters for the first time in school history, and we have the most graduate students in school history! God has been so good to us!**

Let me share with you how wonderful those students are. On the first day of classes, several of our campus students were out in the rain knocking doors and trying to start conversations about Christ. One of those students is Taylor Cooper from Hattiesburg, MS. On December 29, 2022, he was at Exposure Youth Camp at the Von Braun Center in Huntsville, AL with others from his home congregation of Kennsington Woods. He was a new Christian at the time and working as a manager at a restaurant back in Hattiesburg. Each year at EYC, the Christian universities who help to sponsor the event are allowed to come to the stage and share what their school has to offer students for God's kingdom. He heard someone talk about Heritage's ministry of making ministers and went straight to the HCU Admissions table to learn about us. He went home, quit his job, and was living on campus in Florence two weeks later. He has become a campus leader. He was the one who organized the door-knocking in the rain. In a recent chapel message, he talked about evangelism, including a mission trip to Tanzania that he had participated in. Your support is allowing dedicated students like Taylor to prepare for ministry in God's kingdom.

We are in the process of preparing our self-study report for the Association of Theological Schools. This additional accreditation for our Graduate School would be such a blessing. Please continue to keep this process in your prayers. We are excited about having the Harvesters Banquet and the Ministry to Youth Conference (M2Y) on our campus in November, the Radiant Ladies' Workshop in February, and Founders Day, Alumni Days, and the Church Leadership Workshop in March. We had a very successful Revive Us Again Evangelism Workshop on campus in June with over 300 participants and 77 congregations represented. We are working on finalizing a date for next year. Come visit our campus and see firsthand what God is doing!

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

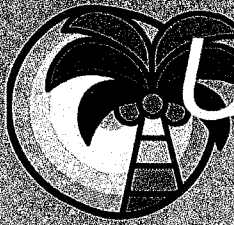
Month two at Tri-Cities has been great! I am growing spiritually, and every day here is more enjoyable than the last. 708, a local college ministry, is an event a lot of the younger preaching students frequent, and has given me a great social outlet. I was sort of worried about making friends and having school overwhelm my social life, but that is definitely not the case. As for school, Classes are going well and will be ending mid-October, so needless to say crunch time is right around the corner. Despite the lingering workload for Finals, the rest of my schoolwork has been fairly enjoyable. I believe students will get a report card after the quarter ends, so at that I should be able to send some official grade checks. Additionally, the school was able to take students to a great lectureship in Paintsville, KY a couple weeks ago. The opportunities to meet and greet, learn, and represent the school at various congregations has been a hidden perk. I never realized how exciting and fun that would be.

Amber Hunt, an acquaintance from back home, has completed lessons 1&2 of back to the Bible with me via FaceTime. She is fairly open to the truth and hopefully will be obedient to the Gospel by the end of the month. Our studies have been weekly, but, between each booklet we've been doing a Q&A study where we try to clarify teachings and reinforce the Truth. Hopefully, if she does obey the Gospel, I'll be able to send along a picture from her immersion.

Additionally, there is a man from the Eastern Orthodox denomination, Fred, and we just had our second study today! He has been very receptive to reason and I am very hopeful about what God will do in this situation. One thing I've learned already from our scenario is to not let age intimate me. Fred is in his mid-sixties so when I first pursued a study, the immediate feeling in my mind was that my youth would deter my credibility in his eyes. However, that has not been the case! :) I hope you are encouraged by his receptiveness as much as it motivates me!

Drew  
Kavanaugh

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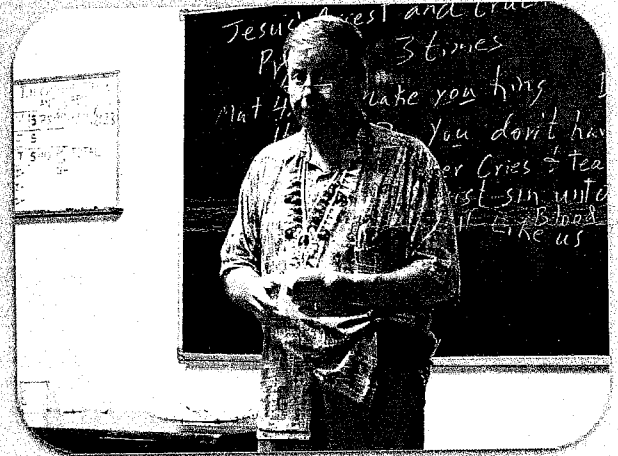


Monthly Newsletter

# UNDER A PALMTREE

Psalm 92:12

We pray everyone is doing well this month. Our family sends you our greetings. The past few months of August and September have been busy. August was busy with making preparations for my first trip alone to the island of Majuro in the Marshall Islands. It also coincided with my oversight trip. An oversight trip is when one or more of our overseeing elders comes to observe us while we work on the field. This year brother Steve Vice came to oversee me.



Brother Steve Vice

When we go to a location we make many preparations. As the instructor, it is my task to reserve our hotel stay, arrange meals, get a rental car when needed, or anything that might need to be arranged for that particular location. This does not include the planning and communication with the local Christians to host the classes. When going, we must make sure we have all the materials: the textbooks, student applications, diplomas, bibles, and from time to time, song books. While we are on location we organize times and places to go and hand out tracts, which means we have to print the tracts and take them in our luggage. All of this planning is done prior to leaving.

I spent about a month making all these preparations. Praise the Lord that everything worked out correctly. My plan was to leave a few days early and get there before classes were supposed to start. This helped me greatly because when I arrived I was able to explore things and get the lay of the land. I

have been to Majuro only once before and that was in January of 2020 when people were first talking about the COVID-19 virus. Thankfully, we made it home before the 'lock down'. As much as things have changed here in the USA, things also changed in Majuro.



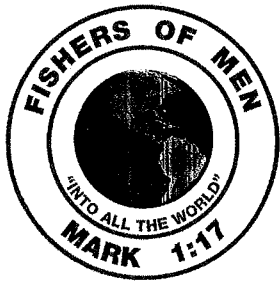
Majuro Church of Christ Building

When exploring an area some of the important things to find are, the hospitals, the grocery stores, the car rental businesses, the airline offices, and restaurants. Another important thing to find is where one gets clean water to drink because in most places the water is not safe to

## Financial Report for September 2023

All funds are overseen by Forest Park Elders

	September
<b>Total Contributions</b>	\$ 5,460.00
Balance prior month	\$ 600.00
Total	\$ 6,060.00
Expenses	\$(6,713.09)
Balance	\$ (653.09)
<b>Expenses Paid Out</b>	
Travel for PIBC/Evangelistic	\$ 1,600.00
Salary	\$ 2,600.00
Mailing	\$ 23.53
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Dear Adamsville Church of Christ,

The Fishers of Men Evangelism Training Course is well under way in three locations where I am teaching. It is now Week 6 at the Magnolia Park congregation in Miami, FL. My online Philippines class is now finishing Week 5 and my Brookland, AR class is in Week 4. This means that Magnolia Park has been reporting on Bible studies for two weeks. The Philippines class has been reporting for one week. Together, these two small classes of 17 people total have reported on 15 Bible studies with 13 different souls. That is a great start! There is still a lot of training to go, and the work continues when the training course is complete. The Brookland class has been given the assignment to set up Bible studies and they will report on their studies for the first time at our next class meeting.

At the beginning of next month, we are planning to begin another FOM training class at my home congregation in Coldwater, MS.

We are thankful to be able to work for the Lord in these ways. We pray that God will use us to His glory.

Please pray for this work to train soul winners!

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Because of Him,

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Dear Brethren,

"None of us got to where we are alone. Whether the assistance we received was obvious or subtle, acknowledging someone's help is a big part of understanding the importance of saying thank you"- Harvey Mackay. Words cannot accurately express the gratitude that I and all of us at HCU have for your support of our beloved university. Although your gift may be unknown to many and subtle to some, it is an extraordinary, impactful blessing to us.

**Thank you for your gift of \$100.00!** Your collaboration with Heritage Christian University provides students of the Bible the opportunity to thrive in ministry by relieving the financial burden that higher education can accumulate.

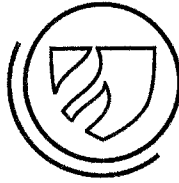
It is hard to believe that half of our semester has come and gone. Our students are hard at work in their classes. We have an outstanding group that has ministries in our community such as bible studies at assisted living facilities, a YMCA Chaplaincy, and many other projects. Please keep their ministries in your prayers.

Again, thank you for your generosity! On behalf of the HCU team, we pray that the Lord will continue to bless you. When I can be of service to you, please contact me directly at 256-483-1106 or [jharrison@hcu.edu](mailto:jharrison@hcu.edu).

Sincerely,

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# GOSPEL BROADCASTING NETWORK

October 10, 2023

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Dear Brethren,

We are happy to report some exciting news about the events, content, and more that the Gospel Broadcasting Network has been able to accomplish this month. We thank you so much for your support in making all this possible.

## New Hires

In the past few months, GBN has hired three new employees. James McKinney has taken the role of producer/editor, Anna Gurganus is handling social media outreach, and most recently added to the team is Jonah Adams as video editor.



## New Content / Events

We have recently released several new items into the Lessons with Kerry Duke series. These are audio files that you can find on the GBN app or website. In this content Kerry Duke covers the books of Isaiah, 2 John, 3 John, and Titus. He also covers various topics such as the Problem of Evil, Is There a God?, The 1,000 Year Reign, Heaven, and Hell.

We would also like to remind you about the Match Challenge that we are trying to accomplish by the end of the year. A sponsor has agreed to match every donation we receive up to \$100,000, so any help with this would be greatly appreciated. If you send in a check to contribute to this effort, please remember to include "Matching Funds" in the memo line.

Don't forget to tune into the debate between Kyle Butt and skeptic, Michael Shermer that will take place on October 25 at 10:30 AM. You can watch it live on our YouTube channel.

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Brotherly,

*Don Blackwell*

Don Blackwell, Executive Director, GBN

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Dear Brethren,

As many of you know, the Gospel Broadcasting Network is a work of the Southaven Church of Christ. As a work of the church, its operation depends solely on

donations from individual Christians and congregations of the Lord's people. God has blessed GBN richly throughout the years, and we now have another wonderful opportunity to raise funds for this evangelistic work.

A supporter of GBN has offered to match up to \$100,000 of donations given through the end of the year. This means that for every dollar we raise, this supporter will also donate a dollar, giving us the potential to raise \$200,000 to help spread the gospel.

We are so thankful for you and the support you have given to GBN in the past, and now we ask for your help in achieving this challenge.

If you would like to contribute to this effort, you can mail a contribution to 8900 Germantown Road Olive Branch, MS 38654, or you can donate online [Here](#). If you send a check for the matching campaign, please be sure to note it as "Matching funds" in the memo line. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at 662-874-5508 or [info@gbntv.org](mailto:info@gbntv.org).

Sincerely,

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**Don Blackwell, Executive Director, GBN**

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## FIRST PLACE - Suva, Fiji

This is not an award for winning an event. Why is Suva, Fiji "**first place**"? Actually, there are several reasons. It is the first place I ever visited in the Pacific on my first mission trip back in the last century, 1995. It is the first place I ever taught a Pacific Islands Bible College (PIBC) class with my mentor and friend Ray Paseur, in 1998. It is the first place my wonderful wife Kathy visited on her first mission trip. It is the first place my sister and brother-in-law, Gail and Barry O'Dell ever visited.

It is now 2023 and hard to believe that this year is quickly coming to an end. We are thankful to God to have had another great trip to Suva, Fiji. On our first Sunday, we went to visit the Vatuwaqa congregation. This was my first time to ever be with these brethren. They conduct the worship only in Fijian, so they were speaking in tongues the whole time. I kid the brethren when they are talking in their local language that they are speaking in tongues. One of the brothers from there attended the PIBC classes. It was the first time anyone from Vatuwaqa had ever attended.

Vatuwaqa



The Bible college courses are always conducted at the Raiwaqa congregation. This church is led by two elders, Emosi and Lesio, both of these men are very humble and kind. Lesio has been a big help to us for a project we've been working on for several months for the brethren in Fiji. Many of the congregations were in need of some new song books. We checked on getting these printed in the states, but because of the cost for printing, and then shipping, we decided to see if we could get them printed in Fiji. Lesio got several quotes, confirming the type of cover and binding. One printing company was offering the same quality book for half the price of the other companies. Can you guess which one we chose? While we were in Suva, they finished printing the song books. Lesio was in charge of distributing them to the congregations throughout Fiji. Since several congregations were coming together for the Bible college classes, they were able to pick up the song books they needed, which made it easier for Lesio. It was great to finally get that project behind us. Some tasks like this need to be done, but I have to say I do not like spending my time working on these things.

Several non-Christians were coming to the PIBC classes. A mother and her son had been hearing the

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	OCTOBER
<b>Total Contributions</b>	\$ 10,660.00
Balance Prior Month	\$ 617.13
<b>Total</b>	\$ 11,277.13
<b>Expenses</b>	\$ (10,650.00)
<b>Balance</b>	\$ 627.13
<b>Expenses Paid Out</b>	
Special project fund	\$ (431.40)
Travel for PIBC/Evangelistic	\$ 3,200.00
Salary	\$ 3,897.11
Mailing	\$ 492.27
Supplies (DVDS/Books/Class)	\$ 12.24
Printing/Office Supplies	\$ 21.12
Phone / Internet	\$ 102.00
Insurance	\$ 374.30
Utilities	\$ 226.36
Secretary	\$ 1,420.00
Housing/Office	\$ 1,336.00
<b>Total</b>	\$ 10,650.00



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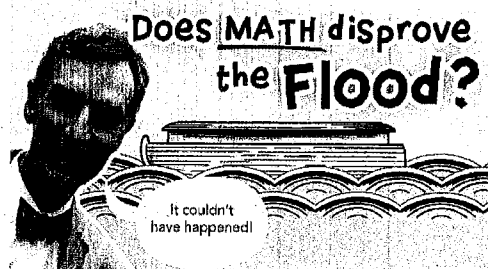
We rejoice to share with you some conversions that have taken place in the past month, as well as our recent content and events. We thank you for your support in making all this possible!

## Recent Conversions:

On October 22, Courtney Scag was baptized at the Newport church of Christ. Courtney had reached out to us through social media looking for a congregation in her area to attend. The very next Sunday she visited the congregation we suggested and decided to become a Christian.

That same week we received an email from the East Independence Church of Christ, which said that a man who had been watching GBN's content contacted them wanting to be baptized. They baptized him and are continuing to study with him.

Praise to God for our new sister and brother in Christ! Please pray for them as they begin their Christian walk.

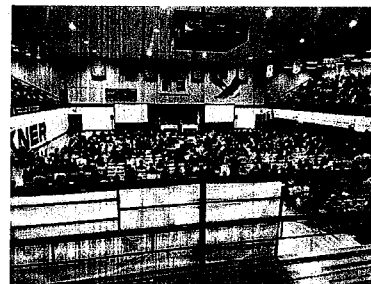


## New Content / Events:

In the past few weeks, we have released two new episodes of *Drawn Toward God*, each having to do with the existence of God and the authenticity of the Bible.

The debate between Kyle Butt and Michael Shermer took place on October 25 and was a success for truth. It is available on YouTube on the GBN channel.

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Dear Adamsville Church of Christ,

I wish you could see what I see! Every day at chapel, Loyd Auditorium is filled with the best students in the world. Most of those students are in those seats worshipping God every day because of the generosity of people like you. Thank you! Your gift of \$100.00 will be put to work in the Bible Teaching Program fund as you have requested.

We are excited that the 59th Annual Benefit Dinner is coming up on Friday, December 1. This year we will host *two* speakers — NFL legends and commentators Boomer Esiason and Phil Simms. More information about the benefit dinner can be found at [fhu.edu/benefitdinner](http://fhu.edu/benefitdinner) or by calling 1-800-FHU-FHU1 ext. 6017.

Again, thank you so much for your generous gift! We are honored by your support, and we are grateful for your kindheartedness.

Sincerely,

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Thank you so much for your gift of \$200.00 which you gave to Childhaven recently. Your help is always greatly appreciated as we provide care for our children. Your support in the work here at Childhaven is such an encouragement to us as we work together in the Lord's Kingdom. May God richly bless you all.

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Most Sincerely,

*Gary Hicks*

Gary Hicks  
Executive Director

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November 6th 2023

To the brothers and sisters in Christ,

The second quarter has officially started here at the TCSOPD (Tri-Cities School of Preaching & Christian Development) and we have just started week two of ten. The classes I'm taking this quarter are 1 & 2 Samuel, Judges & Ruth, English II, Preacher and his work II, The church, and Hebrews. Comparatively, the workload has definitely increased from quarter one. I have three commentaries to read by week ten which is a challenge that I never quite experienced, even in college haha. All of the teachers have been great, and I am growing closer with everyone here. :)

In my last letter I mentioned sending along grades from the first quarter, however, at the time of writing this, we have not received our grades yet. Students are waiting on all grades to be turned in, so once that happens I can send those out in a separate letter.

My evangelistic efforts are holding steady. Fred, the Eastern Orthodox man, is still in contact with me, and we try to meet and talk bi-weekly. I am hoping to slowly work with him and not jump into a harder, more focused study too prematurely. I say this because unfortunately with Amber, the last girl I was studying with, our studies came to an abrupt end. We quickly went into the Back to the Bible studies, and she seemed very zealous at first, but the truth didn't have much time to marinate. In hindsight, I should have given myself a longer runway for coming to the true gospel. It seems the gospel was so plain and simple that the shock of how easily it can be understood scared her away, a 2 Corinthians 11:3 instance.

Lastly, I want to say thank you again for supporting me. I love you all (even those I have not met) and am so grateful to the Lord for providing support through faithful brothers and sisters like all of you.

*Drew Kramavetter*

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## 3 Locations in Fiji

It was wonderful to be with Nathaniel's family again on the field. They joined us in the work in Lautoka, Nadi and Ba. These three congregations come together in one location every year for the three week Bible College classes. Nathaniel taught the Wisdom and Poetry Literature (Job - Song of Solomon), and I taught "The How of Soul Winning". It is always a blessing to work together in the Lord's kingdom with my family. Nathaniel did an excellent job, as usual, teaching his PIBC course. Rachel helped Kathy with the kids classes. A lot of kids are always at this location. Atticus and Zoe made friends very quickly and were always wanting to run and play with them before Bible class, during the break, and after Bible class. Atticus got sick one night. I'm not sure if it was just something he ate or running and

playing too much with the kids after eating.

For the past several times we have stayed at an apartment in Lautoka. It is a great place for us because it is quite in the evenings, secure, close to supermarkets and near the church building where we have the classes each evening. When I went to pay the lady in charge, I noticed that she had some nice business cards. We wanted to get some printed while in Fiji to distribute so people could take the online Bible study lessons. She gave me directions on how to get to the printing company and I'm glad she did because it was in a place I would have never found. They printed 1,000 cards and did a really good job. We were able to use these not only in Fiji, but for the rest of our work in the Pacific. I also left some of these with the local brethren to assist them in their evangelistic efforts. As the Lord's people, reaching the lost needs to always be in the forefront of our minds in everything we do. We need to never forget our main mission. In Luke 19:10 Jesus said, **"for the Son of Man has come to seek, and to save that which was lost."** We are to be imitators of Christ and this is one of the main ways we can imitate our Savior.



Many diligent workers make up God's kingdom in the Pacific, for that matter throughout the world. My heart goes out to the local brethren where the church is small and the work difficult. I am grateful for their commitment to faithfully serve the Lord and worship him in spirit and in truth. I think of Jone Qoroqalu and his family. They have worked many years with the Nadi congregation. Many times they have been the only family meeting for worship on Sundays. Some of this is because other Christians moved to different locations and as always some are unfaithful. Jone and his family have been there to keep the doors of the church building open. I have seen several congregations this year that are in similar situations. I really appreciate those men who do all of the preaching, teaching, and other parts of worship. Jone invited us to his home one Saturday for a meal and fellowship. We appreciated their kindness and hospitality.



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**Financial Report for November 2023**  
All funds overseen by Forest Park Elders

	NOVEMBER
<b>Total Contributions</b>	\$ 10,940.00
Balance Prior Month	\$ 627.13
<b>Total</b>	\$ 11,567.13
<b>Expenses</b>	\$ (10,950.00)
<b>Balance</b>	\$ 617.13
<b>Expenses Paid Out</b>	
Special project fund	\$ (217.07)
Travel for PIBC/Evangelistic	\$ 3,200.00
Salary	\$ 3,897.11
Mailing	\$ 189.23
Printing/Office Supplies	\$ 108.43
Phone / Internet	\$ 102.00
Insurance	\$ 374.30
Secretary	\$ 1,960.00
Housing/Office	\$ 1,336.00
<b>Total</b>	\$ 10,950.00



October 23, 2023

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Dear Brethren,

*"But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God."*

Mark 10:14

Your recent gift of \$250 is greatly appreciated and shows your confidence in Lads to Leaders providing today's youth with the tools and knowledge to not only lead productive Christian lives, but to empower them to lead others to Christ. Thank you sincerely for your donation, continued support, and believing in our mission!

If you ever have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at (205) 410-0298 or e-mail me at [roy@lads2leaders.com](mailto:roy@lads2leaders.com).

In His Service,

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Sincerely,

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Dear Brethren,

We trust that your fall is off to a pleasant start, and we pray that God is richly blessing you! Every month, it is my privilege to correspond with generous supporters of the Memphis School of Preaching, and to send a sincere expression of gratitude for your contribution to the work of training gospel preachers.

We are privileged to have 28 wonderful students at MSOP. They have bright minds and they are eager to learn God's Word. We are a few short weeks away from finishing the first quarter of our school year. Because of your generosity, we are able to train these men to "make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:19-20), and to "preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

Your support helps put a roof over their heads and food on their tables. Your support helps to purchase their textbooks, and puts gasoline in their tanks so they can drive to congregations in the surrounding area to "Preach the Word" (2 Tim. 4:2). Your support is invaluable to these students and to the work of the school.

This coming Friday, October 13th begins our 8th annual World Evangelism Seminar. The theme this year is "Send the Light" and will be held on our campus Friday and Saturday. There will be messages focusing on ways to send the light into our communities and into all the world. We would love to have you visit us on campus October 13-14!

We simply could not do what we do without wonderful supporters like you. We love and appreciate you so very much!

His servant and yours,

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David R. Pharr  
Gospel Warrior  
February 22, 1937 - May 26, 2023

October 11, 2023

Dear Friends of the late David R. Pharr,

In May of this year, a faithful gospel warrior, David R. Pharr, left the bonds of this life. He was committed to the preaching of the gospel and the training of gospel preachers. There is an opportunity before us to inspire future generations of gospel preachers and to honor this great soldier of the cross. Tri-Cities School of Preaching and Christian Development *will be dedicating a classroom in honor of the late David R. Pharr*, which is being done with the enthusiastic encouragement of the Pharr Family.

We want to encourage future generations of gospel preachers to aspire to the high standards of excellence that characterized brother Pharr. In the pulpit, he was a master at unpacking a text. As a school administrator, he was courageous and innovative. In the classroom, it was obvious he loved scripture, he loved students, and he loved to teach the sacred text. Through his many years of service, his helpmeet of 65 years, Peggy, was by his side. The positive impact of this couple on preachers and their families is immeasurable on this side of heaven. When I was asked to become the director of TCSOP&CD, my first call was to David, and he encouraged me to accept the challenge because, as he said, "**We need faithful gospel preachers.**"

The room's transformation will require the assistance of brethren who loved and appreciated brother Pharr and who want future generations of preachers to be trained. The improvements to the room will include extensive technology advancements. Anything given above what is needed for the room will be dedicated to **The David R. Pharr Scholarship Fund** to help train future gospel preachers.

Brother Pharr was known as a Gospel Soldier, and we are dedicated to training generations of Gospel Warriors. With that in mind, we will name the room the **David R. Pharr Gospel Armory**.

Will you help? Please send your gift **earmarked Pharr Fund**. The address is:

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I would be happy to chat with you and answer any questions. My personal number is 276-698-4987.

Respectfully,

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October 11, 2023

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On one occasion David was fighting against the Philistines, who had taken control of the area around Bethlehem. David longed for some of the water from the well of Bethlehem, but knew that because of the Philistine army there would be no access to this well.

But three of David's mighty men broke through the camp of the Philistines and drew out some water from this well. When they brought the water to David, he was so moved by their sacrificial act that he poured the water on the ground as an offering to the Lord (2 Samuel 23:13-17).

These three men risked a great deal for someone they cared very much about. David had trouble expressing his gratitude for what they had done.

I can relate to this. It is amazing to me the love and sacrificial hearts who continually give to this work. I know people are denying themselves so that they might invest in the work of preacher training. How can you measure such a gift?

In our eyes, you are like the mighty men of David. You give generously and sacrificially. Thank you for being a part of this work!

In His service,

*Denny Petrillo, Ph.D.*

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Dear Brethren,

Thank you so much for your gift of \$200.00 which you gave to Childhaven recently. Your help is always greatly appreciated as we provide care for our children. Your support in the work here at Childhaven is such an encouragement to us as we work together in the Lord's Kingdom. May God richly bless you all.

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Most Sincerely,

Gary Hicks  
Executive Director

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9-13-2023

Dear Brethren,

It is once again time for our annual Thanksgiving Appeal. This is our biggest fundraiser push and generally provides for at least a quarter of our funding for the year! We appreciate your partnership in the past and prayerfully seek your participation in making this year's appeal a success!

In 1 Timothy 6:17-19, Paul encourages the "rich in this present age", who recognize that God "richly provides", to "do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share". He then states that those who do this are "storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life." Our appeal is not a begging for "alms" but an invite to "do good". Consider some of the good that is accomplished by your sharing in this work:

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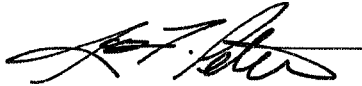
To the Elders:

My name is Logan Peters. I am currently working at the North Jefferson Church of Christ in Kimberly, Alabama. I am the Associate Minister in a part-time capacity. After much consideration and even more prayer, I have decided to enroll in the Memphis School of Preaching. Attached, you will see my acceptance letter.

I have decided that for the rest of my life, there is no other profession that I can see myself doing. I want to prepare myself in all aspects of becoming a minister of the Gospel. My goal is to preach and teach Christ as often as I can during my time on earth.

I am certain that my time at the Memphis School of Preaching will be edifying and will prepare me for the road ahead. With that being said, I am looking to raise support in my efforts to attend MSOP. I am, first of all, in need of your prayers. I appreciate your thoughts and prayers very much. Secondly, I am needing monetary support in order to cover my expenses while in school. If there is any way you can help, I would greatly appreciate it. Although monetary support is needed, your prayers and encouragement are greatly appreciated. If you would like to help sponsor me during my two years at MSOP, you can reach me at the number or email below. Thank you so much for your continued support and your prayers.

In Christian love,



Logan Peters  
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## October Newsletter 2023

Bryon and Katie Buzan

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Hello Brothers and Sisters! First and foremost, we thank you for all the love and support that you all have shown us during our time while we're here going through this program!

We wanted to inform you of everything that has been happening this month! First, we finished our first quarter and our finals! Katie and I did our best and passed our first quarter finals!

Of course, as you all know, Katie has been battling with different sicknesses and going to the hospital more frequently than we had liked during her pregnancy, however she's been doing A LOT better than before! When she hit 30 weeks on the 16<sup>th</sup>, she has not been sick, not feeling nauseous, so hopefully we have smooth sailing from here on out! The Baby is doing very well and growing rapidly, and we cannot wait for her arrival!

On October 14<sup>th</sup> – October 18<sup>th</sup>, we had our very first Campaign week! We had the blessing of working with Jerry Groves with the Higher Ground Church of Christ. On the first day, October 14<sup>th</sup>, we had the opportunity to work at a Soup kitchen where we were able to help feed those who needed to be fed. It was an eye-opening experience and will do it again.

On October 15<sup>th</sup>, we had worship service, The congregation met in a middle school auditorium and about 40 people including us made up the congregation. Noah Mcarthy led the Bible class talking about God's love and presence during the time of Joseph. I (Bryon) was able to give the

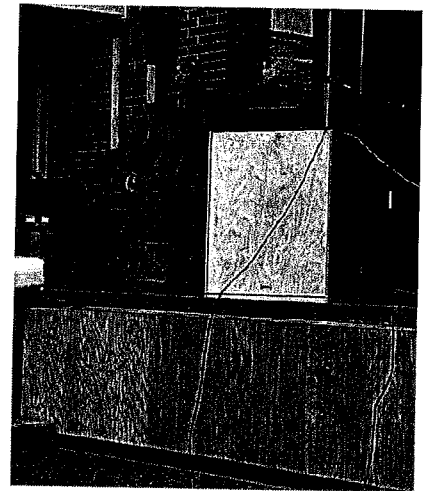
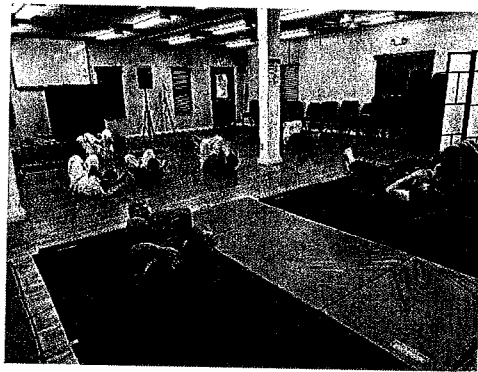
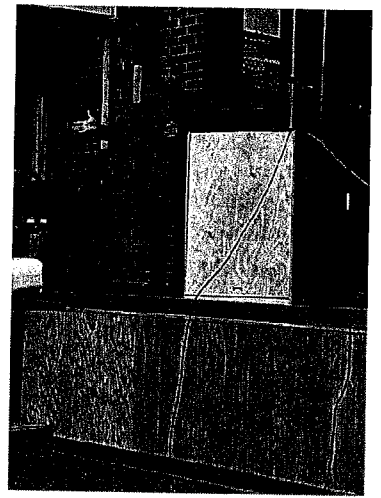
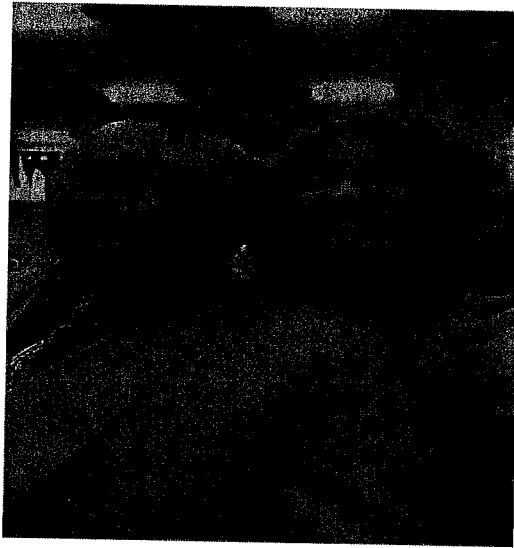
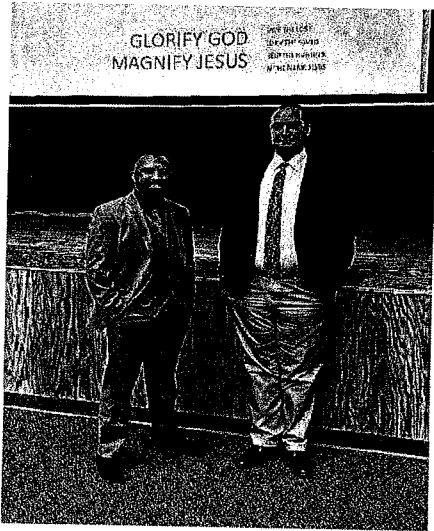
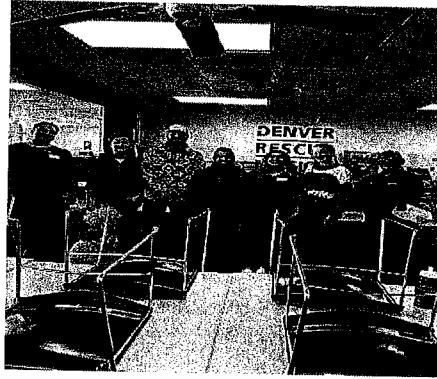
Sunday morning lesson about moving forward from the difficult obstacles we face. Afterwards we got the opportunity to fellowship and meet those who fellowshipped there.

October 16<sup>th</sup>, we met at a Senior living home where we had a Bible study in the multipurpose room. Brandon Tyler gave a devotional on the way God loves us and I (Bryon) led a bible study on fear. We had singing and prayers offered as well. Afterwards we met at the Auroa Public Library, “our homebase,” and drove to a neighborhood and went door knocking for about an hour and a half. Combined from all the students we were only able to reach about 6 people, we prayed with them and gave them pamphlets that had Jerry’s information on them. However, those six people were extremely receptive so Lord willing their will be new faces at the Higher Ground Church of Christ this coming Sunday!

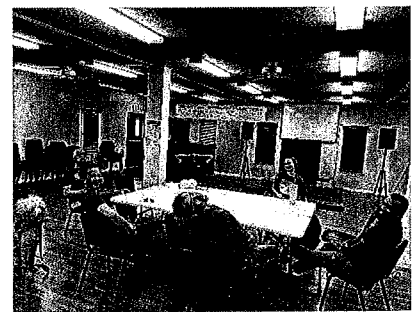
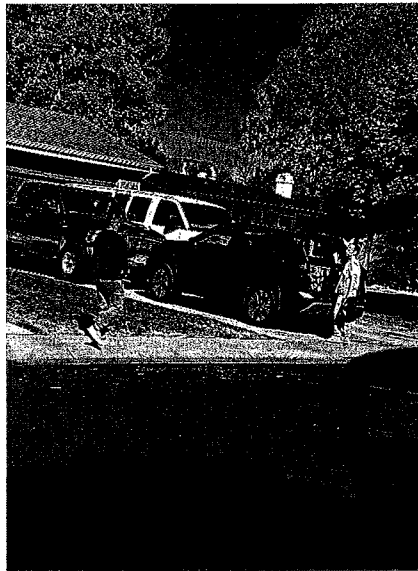
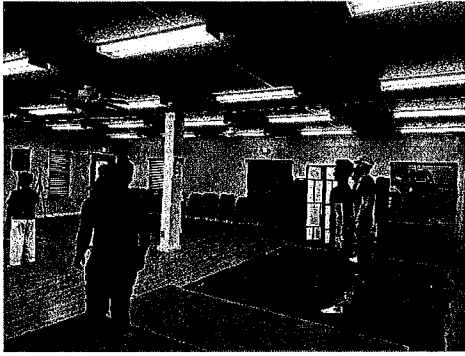
October 17<sup>th</sup>, we met at the Northeast Church of Christ in Auroa, Colorado, where we sat for about an hour with Jerry Groves. He wanted to see how we enjoyed the campaign so far and gave a small devotional about the importance of evangelizing. After the devotional, we sang a handful of songs and offered prayers. Afterwards, Jerry led a class on self-defense which was geared more towards the youth, however everyone was invited. Jerry’s goal was to show that even through self-defense Jesus still needs to be at the forefront of our minds.

Finally, October 18<sup>th</sup>, all there was to do was stay home and join in on zoom for the bible classes. 9:30am was a ladies bible class and the other is just an adult bible class that was at 7pm. Once Campaign is over, we have the following week off until the 30<sup>th</sup> of October! We’re excited about getting some rest in!

Once again, we are so thankful to all of you, for your continued prayers, love, and support as we journey through the rest of this school year! We love you all!







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October 13, 2023  
Freed-Hardeman University's 154<sup>th</sup> Year

Dear Adamsville Church of Christ,

Every student is precious — a unique combination of talent, potential, and optimism. Due to the generosity of people just like you, we have even more precious students at FHU this year. Our enrollment currently stands at 2,325 students for the fall semester. You are making a difference, and your gift of \$100.00 to the Bible Teaching Program fund is greatly appreciated!

We have two important events coming up this fall that we invite you to attend. Homecoming will be November 10 and 11. Also, the 59th Annual Benefit Dinner will take place on Friday, December 1. The featured speakers will be NFL legends Boomer Esaison and Phil Simms. More information about both events can be found on our website (fhu.edu) or by calling 1-800-FHU-FHU1 ext. 6017.

Again, thank you so much for your generous gift! We are honored by your gift, and we are grateful for your kindheartedness.

Sincerely,

David R. Shannon  
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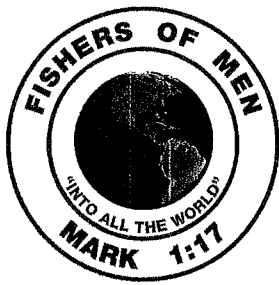
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Dear Adamsville Church of Christ,

The Fishers of Men Evangelism Training Course continues in the three locations where I am teaching: Miami, FL; Brookland, AR; and the Philippines (online). Tonight, we will begin Week 10 at the Magnolia Park congregation in Miami. My online Philippines class will finish Week 9 in a couple of Days and my Brookland, AR class is beginning Week 7. This means that the classes at Magnolia Park and the Philippines have been reporting on Bible studies for five weeks. The Brookland class has been reporting on studies for two weeks. Together, these three classes have reported on 64 Bible studies with 37 different souls and one baptism has also been reported! We are not finished! And this class is not about simply working until graduation. It is about having a new lifestyle of evangelism!

We pray the work that has started will continue long after the FOM training course is complete.

In just a few days, I am scheduled to begin the Fishers of Men training course at my home congregation in Coldwater, MS.

It is a blessing to be able to work for the Lord in these ways.

Thank you for being a part of this work!

Because of Him,

Tim II and Rachel Wilkes

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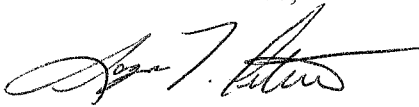
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Brethren,

I would like to update you on my move to the Memphis School of Preaching. I will be moving this Saturday, November the 4th. I am scheduled to begin classes on November the 6th. I am so very excited to begin this journey in preparing myself to become an effective preacher of the Gospel of Christ. With your prayers and support, I was able to fulfill my budgetary needs. I am grateful for your support and your trust in me to succeed in my two years at MSOP. I look forward to keeping you updated on my progress, and I look forward to seeing and fellowshiping with you all over the course of the next two years. If you have any questions or need any assistance from me in any way, please do not hesitate to reach out. Once again, thank you so much for everything.

In Christian love,



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Dear Adamsville Church of Christ,

Once again, campus is thriving with the smiling faces of hundreds of new and returning students. On Saturday, August 19th, we welcomed our incoming freshmen and transfer students to campus with the words, 'Welcome Home!' It is because of your generosity and support that many of these new students are here. Your thoughtful gift of \$100.00 to the Bible Teaching Program fund really makes a difference in the lives of the best students in the world.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Normally when we think of December, we think about giving.

Giving is such a fundamental part of Christianity that one could look at so many Biblical texts. God has provided the supreme example with the gift of Christ (John 3:16), and now it is our turn to demonstrate love by giving.

In 1 Corinthians 16, Paul appeals to the Corinthian brethren to join forces with other brethren to support a worthy work in Jerusalem. In 2 Corinthians 8 Paul is reminding the Corinthians of this worthy work, and notes how the Macedonian Christians had amazed Paul not only with the size of their gift, but also with their strong desire to even be a part of it (v. 4).

I see this attitude in so many that support Bear Valley. How can you not be humbled when people consider it a *blessing* to even be a part of this work! You've demonstrated such an attitude, and for that we're very grateful!

It is a wonderful privilege to be a part of training men to preach. Together we're seeing a world-wide impact of this effort. Thanks for being a part of it!

In His service,

Denny Pettillo, Ph.D.  
President

December 13th 2023

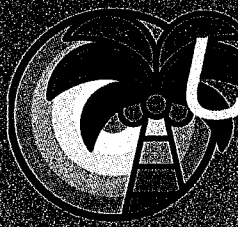
Hello Brothers & Sisters,

I hope you all are doing well and enjoying the holiday season! School's Christmas break will be starting on the 21st, so, needless to say, I'm definitely looking forward to a break. I've never had a school schedule that went this deep into December.

The studies with our Eastern Orthodox friend are going slow and steady. His work schedule, like everyone else's, is ever changing, so we haven't been able to meet super often but consistency is key. I'm trying to bring in our director, Bill Haywood, to study with us. Bill's experience and knowledge should help stir up the right questions in his mind.

My living situation has changed. There is an apartment on the edge of Elizabethton (a town ten minutes from school) that I've moved into. It's a great situation, and I'm very happy with it. Other than that, nothing much is new and we're holding steady. I will hopefully see some of you over break. :)

His servant,       Drew  
Kranawetter



Monthly Newsletter

# UNDER A PALMTREE

Psalm 92:12

It is astonishing that December has arrived so quickly. I hope everyone has had a year of positive change as well as spiritual growth. We are getting all of the preparation done for the work in 2024.

While we are looking forward to next year I did have some more things to say about what the Lord has done this year. Particularly in the country of Majuro.

When we were not having our PIBC class my coworker and elder, Steve Vice, and I would spend our time going around the island handing out tracts. Majuro has several roads on the wider portions of the island even though it is small. In these places there are many homes very close together. It makes it easier for us to canvas. We would drive down a street with several homes, park, and hand out tracts to everyone we met along the road. During the day there are always people walking out and around.

One day we were walking down a street handing out tracts and brother Steve met a woman on her way to work. He gave her the information and invited her to the PIBC classes. She was very interested in the Bible. She told us that her parents were very devote in a Denomination,

however, she struggled with some of their teachings. She would read her bible and it would say something different than what the leaders in her parent's church were teaching. We spent about twenty minutes talking to her and giving examples of how people often teach what is not found in the scripture. She came to class one night and we found out she was a distant relative of some of the members of the Church. We encouraged them to talk to her and we invited her to come back to classes, as well as have a personal bible study.



*PIBC Students in Majuro*



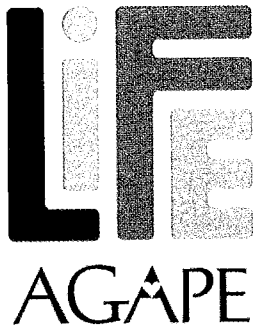
*Steve talking about the Bible at the Laundromat*



## Financial Report for November 2023

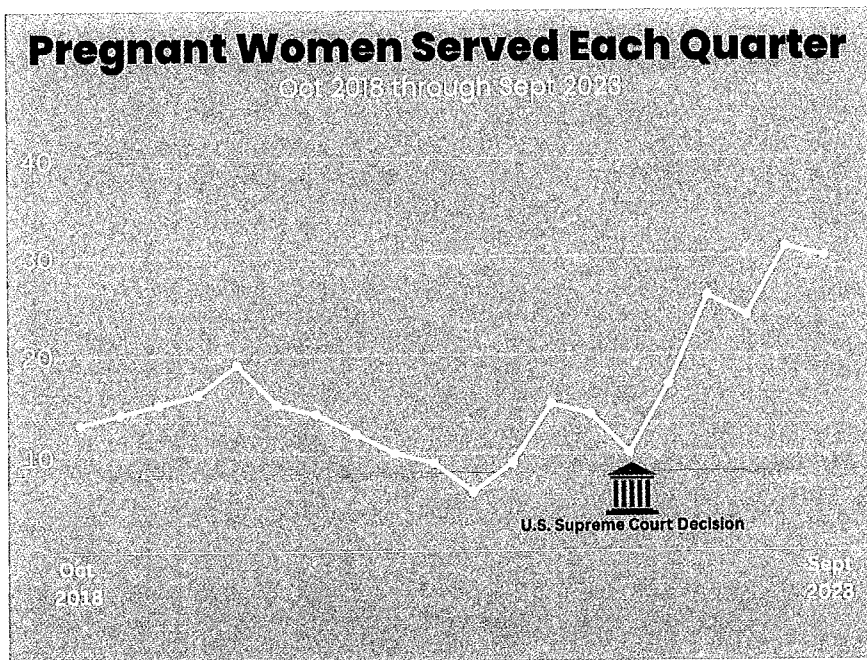
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	November
<b>Total Contributions</b>	\$ 7,310.00
Balance prior month	\$ 658.15
Total	\$ 7,968.15
Expenses	\$(6,955.90)
Balance	\$ 1,012.25
<b>Expenses Paid Out</b>	
Travel for PIBC/Evangelistic	\$ 1,600.00
Salary	\$ 2,600.00
Mailing	\$ 312.00
Phone / Internet	\$ 312.57
Health Insurance	\$ 184.26
Vehicle Insurance	\$ 300.90
Office	\$ 34.95
Mortgage	\$ 1,500.00
Utilites	\$ 111.22
Total	\$ 6,955.90



Mary was desperate. She was so overwhelmed by her unexpected pregnancy and the rest of her situation that she was trying to grab onto any hope, including the hope that change was possible. Change in her situation. Change in her life.

Every day, Agape’s maternity staff receive phone calls just like this one. Women who often feel they have no one else to call. The calls come from teenagers and from college educated women with jobs. They come from women experiencing their first pregnancy and women already parenting. While every situation is different, the one thing all of the women who call Agape have in common is they need someone to walk alongside them as they make plans for their own life and the life of their unborn child.



Since the U.S. Supreme Court decision on abortion last summer, Agape has seen an unprecedented increase in the number of inquiries from expectant mothers. This chart shows the number of pregnant women served in each quarter. You can see a significant increase since the Supreme Court

**decision. We don’t feel we have reached the peak yet! We started the most recent quarter in October working with 23 expectant mothers, that is the most pregnant women we have started a quarter with - EVER!**

When you give to Agape, you meet each woman at a key juncture in her life and in the life of her unborn child. Both the baby and the mother are made in the image of God! What



happens to each of them matters! You have an opportunity to impact not only the life of the unborn child, but the life of the mother as well. What happens during her pregnancy and the support she receives not only impacts her immediate situation, but her future and the future of the child she is carrying as well.

Recently, you have helped Agape staff walk alongside mothers as they have gone

- **From unemployed** → **to having a job of her own**

Think about how she must be feeling about herself now that she has accomplished this goal. *Can you imagine what a difference that is making in her future?*

- **From homelessness** → **to a place of her own**

*Can you imagine what might happen to her and her child without the resources you provide to keep her safe until she is able to be in a place of her own?*

- **From an unsure future** → **to planning to enroll in college**

*Can you imagine what opportunities she might miss if Agape isn't able to serve her?*

When Agape staff began serving each of these mothers, none could see the path to these things. It was overwhelming. But with Agape staff walking alongside each mother, it was achievable. This is only possible because of you! Your gifts provide hope. That hope means life for a child and a better life for the mother.

Mary gave birth to a sweet child she decided to parent. During a follow up visit with our maternity worker, Mary said, "I tell everybody I meet that Agape saved my life." You didn't just impact Mary's life. She says you saved it! Think of the impact that will have on the future of both Mary and her child!

**Will you be a part of giving life to unborn children and new life to expectant mothers?**

For many years Christians have advocated for life for children. Now is our opportunity to not just give them life but an abundant life.

**AGAPE**  
of Central Alabama



**Here are ways you can partner with us to make more life happen:**

- Pray for Agape's maternity staff as they serve those directly impacted by the brokenness of the world.
- Make a commitment of a monthly gift to help meet the needs of pregnant women in crisis. Just \$50 per month makes sure expectant mothers get the help they need.
- Make a one-time gift of any amount to provide safety and stability for a pregnant woman.

Here are some of the frequent needs you can meet:

\$50 – Provides gas to help her make it to work and doctors' appointments.

\$100 – Provides a safe place to stay for one night, so she isn't sleeping on the street.

\$150 - Provides groceries so she and her unborn child have nutritious food options.

\$200 - Covers utility bills for a mother between jobs.

\$500 - Covers the monthly mileage expenses for an Agape Maternity Worker so expectant mothers have the one-on-one support they need.

\$750 – Covers rent for a mom who can't work because of pregnancy limitations.

One piece of advice my father gave me over and over was, "The most important thing you can do for your children is to love their mother." My father was right. At Agape, we believe one of the most important things we can do for unborn children is to show love to their expectant mothers. **Will you show love and meet the needs of expectant mothers and their unborn children by giving today?**

Give online today at [agapeforchildren.org/donate](http://agapeforchildren.org/donate) or mail your gift in the envelope provided.

Thank you for your life-giving gift!



Steve Duer  
Executive Director



**AGAPE**  
of Central Alabama





**HERITAGE**  
CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

December 14, 2023

Adamsville Church of Christ  
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Dear Brethren,

**Thank you for your gift of \$100.00!** Your partnership with Heritage Christian University helps students of the Bible thrive in ministry by allowing them to earn an effective and affordable degree at a university focusing on evangelism and commitment to scripture.



This fall semester has come to a close. Our students are home for the holiday season. Please pray for their safe return next month when they return for the spring semester. This is the time of year where gift giving is common, but yours is cherished deeply. Your gift makes a difference to every student, faculty, and staff member, as well as all of the lives that will be influenced by the knowledge exchanged at HCU. I hope you have a safe and merry Christmas.

Again, thank you for your generosity! On behalf of the HCU team, we pray that the Lord will continue to bless you. When I can be of service to you, please contact me directly at 256-483-1106 or [jharrison@hcu.edu](mailto:jharrison@hcu.edu).

Sincerely,

J. T. Harrison  
Vice President of Advancement

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Thank you for your generous gift to Heritage Christian University!

## December Newsletter

### **Bryon and Katie Buzan**

Attending: Bearvalley  
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Hello Brothers and sisters! First off, we want to thank all of your love and support during our time here at Bearvalley! We would not be here if it was not for you and your generosity!

So much has gone on that we are ready to update you with! First and foremost, school is going well and I (Bryon) and the rest of the students are finishing the year strong! We have finals next week, then head to our break. Come January, I (Bryon) would be able to preach out and be able to show other congregations things that I have learned here!

This quarter we had five different classes! We had Greek 1 which is interesting but difficult at the same time due to the way the language is himself. The class is taught by Ken Dawdy who is doing an amazing job! The gospel of Mark is taught by Michael Hite who is doing amazing and showing the different threads throughout the book of Mark and making different connections that I have not seen before. Homiletics and Acts is taught by Wayne Jones who is teaching us better ways to capture an audience's attention and

showing us threads through the book of Acts. Finally, Exegesis is taught by the president of the school Denny Petrillo who is teaching us to teach and pull lessons through the text.

On thanksgiving we were invited to one of the instructor's home with other students who did not have anywhere to go during the holiday. Of course, we decided not to go home because of the baby and her coming at any point. On December 1<sup>st</sup>, Katie had her 25<sup>th</sup> birthday where we went to a painting class with another couple.

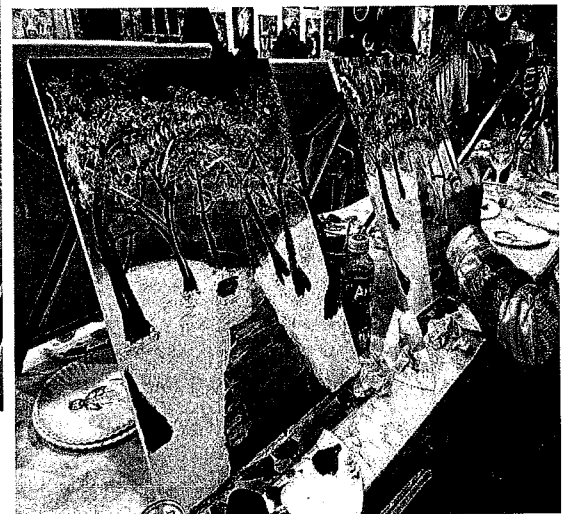
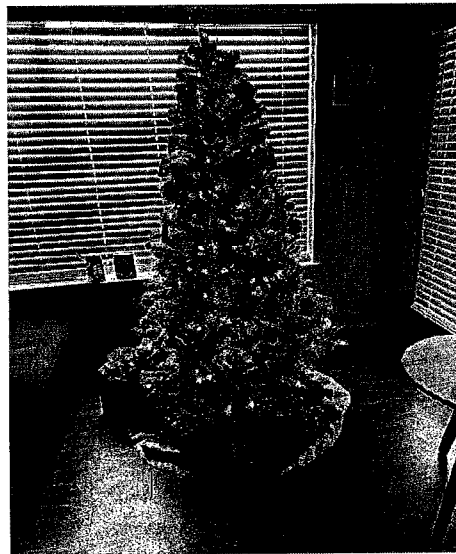
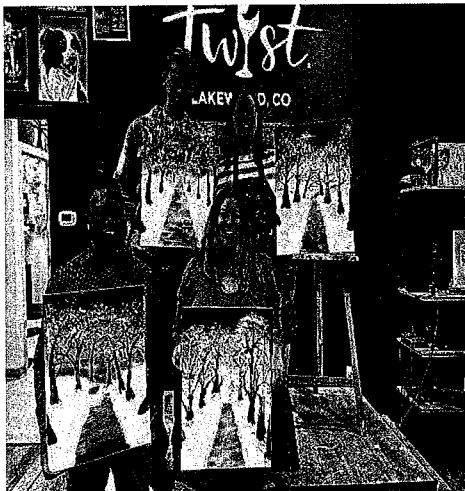
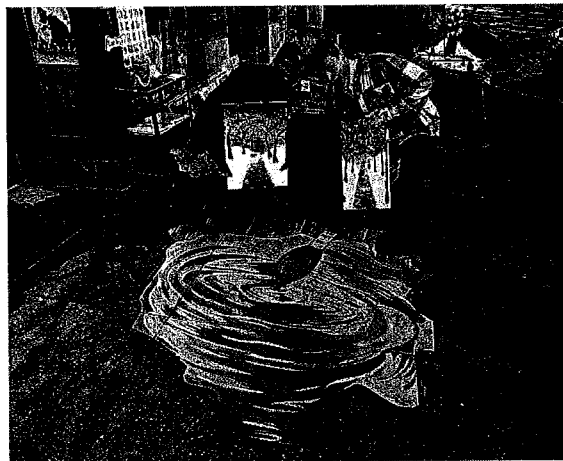
On December 10<sup>th</sup> we had a scare that we thought Katie's water broke. The doctor had told us it did and then told us that she did not break her water and sent us home. On December 13<sup>th</sup>, Katie went to the OB for her 38week check-up. The OB informed us that we needed to have our baby induced because she is not dilated, and it would probably be a month before the baby would be ready. That being said, Katie and I will be having the baby induced on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. We are very excited and appreciate all of the prayers and support!

We thank all of you again for your love and support, the care packages, the kind cards, all the things you have done for us we cannot express the gratitude and love we hold for all of you!

Praying for all of you!







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12/11/2023

Adamsville Church of Christ  
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Dear Brethren,

Thank you so much for your gift of \$200.00 which you gave to Childhaven recently. Your help is always greatly appreciated as we provide care for our children. Your support in the work here at Childhaven is such an encouragement to us as we work together in the Lord's Kingdom. May God richly bless you all.

Childhaven acknowledges that no goods or services were provided in consideration for your generous gift.

Most Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary Hicks".

Gary Hicks  
Executive Director

GH/rs

December 5th, 2023  
Adamsville Church of Christ  
4207 Veterans Memorial Drive  
Adamsville, AL 35005

Brethren,

I have officially been a student at MSOP for one month. I have already learned so much and am excited to learn more. The instructors here are wonderful and are so very knowledgeable. The study is intense, but it has been the best decision of my life to come to school here. I am so blessed with the abundance of well thoughts, prayers, and support you all have given me. Without your help, none of this would be possible. In just ten short days, we will be able to go home for Holiday break. I am looking forward to being home, and telling my family all the stories and the work we have been through so far. Thank you so very much for your continued support. I will never have enough words to express my gratitude towards you all. I hope in the future, I am able to share more with you about all of my experiences. If there is ever anything I can do, or anything I can provide, please do not hesitate to reach out. I continue to pray that the Lord blesses all of us in the service of His Kingdom. I hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday, and that you get to spend time with all of your loved ones.

In Christian love,



Logan Peters  
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Dear Brethren:

Every other year, our students at the Memphis School of Preaching embark on a weeklong trip to explore some of the people and places who embraced the Restoration Plea of "speaking where the Bible speaks, and being silent where the Bible is silent." This commitment to "speak as the oracles of God" (1 Pet. 4:11) led men like Alexander Campbell, Barton W. Stone, and many others, to leave their denominational churches in order to be members of the undenominational, pre-denominational church of Christ, about which we read in the New Testament.

We believe it is important to maintain this commitment to call Bible things by Bible names, and to do Bible things in Bible ways. Consequently, all of our students take a course in Restoration History. The Restoration Trip affords our students to revisit these restoration principles by visiting the actual sites where men like Campbell and Stone, John T. Johnson, "Raccoon" John Smith, J. W. McGarvey, and many other notable personalities, devoted their lives to the promotion of Christ and His one true church. Our students will visit the gravesites of some of these men, worship at the old Cane Ridge meeting house near Lexington, Kentucky, visit Campbell's mansion in Bethany, West Virginia, and many other things.

The students are scheduled to take the trip on April 8-13, 2024. Of course, such a trip requires funds for transportation, lodging, meals, etc. The total cost for this trip is \$800. Because our students do not have jobs, and rely on support for their monthly income, we are seeking assistance for them to raise the funds necessary to take this educational and faith building trip. This trip will bind the students to the value of the old paths and the ancient order of God's timeless Word. It will also deepen their bond as they take this journey together as a student body.

Any amount given will be very helpful! Thank you so much for considering this need. If you decide to contribute, please earmark your check or contribution with the name of the student you are supporting, or indicate that your donation is for students in general. Thank you so very much!

His servant and yours,

B. J. Clarke  
Director

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*Logan Martin church of Christ  
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Pell City, Alabama*

Dear brethren,

December 5, 2023

Our 2023 mission trip to Southeast Asia is now on the pages of history but the works will reach into eternity. Brothers Tim Burroughs, Jonathan Burns and I left home on November 6 and returned to the United States on November 28. The travels went well, and the opportunities were great.

Just a few days before time to leave brother Billy Bland had to cancel out due to back issues. At the present time he is undergoing a series of treatments for 8 weeks. The doctors hope that the treatments will resolve the issue and surgery will not be required. Please keep brother Bland in your prayers.

Brothers Burroughs and Burns traveled to Philippines and did a seminar while I remained in Singapore and worked. I was afforded the opportunity to teach a mid-week Bible class for the Jurong congregation, to prepared material to teach in place of brother Bland and also to participate in the 50<sup>th</sup> Commencement of the Four Seas College of Bible and Missions.

We three then traveled to Mylasia where we each spoke at different congregations on Friday and Sunday. Saturday we each spoke in a seminar hosted at the Klang congregation. Brother Jason Moore, a full-time instructor at Four Seas College, joined us in Mylasia and filled in for brother Bland.

Upon return to Singapore, we participated in the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Four Seas lectureship and preached in gospel meetings. Speakers for the lectureship and attendees were from nine countries with the peak attendance being 185 adults and 42 children in class. Please keep this good work in your prayers as its effects reach around the world.

Thank you for your generous support and if you desire, I will be happy to present a report in person. May God continue to bless you in His good works.



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# GOSPEL BROADCASTING NETWORK

December 11, 2023

Adamsville Church of Christ  
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Dear Brethren,

We rejoice to share with you some conversions that have taken place in the past month, as well as some projects that GBN has been working on. Thank you so much for your support in making all this possible!

## Recent Conversions:

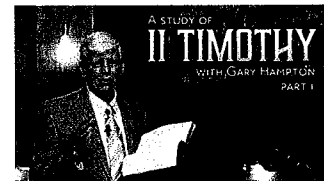
**Jewel Larson**, who is a softball player at HPU in Oahu, Hawaii, reached out to us about a year ago after watching GBN's content. We connected her with the local congregation, and after studying with them she was baptized. Now, a year later, she is working to spread the gospel. She recently studied with four of her teammates who all made the decision to put on Christ in baptism. Praise to God for our new sisters in Christ!



**Jacob Bush** (to the right) was baptized on November 29<sup>th</sup> in Pikeville, TN at the New Harmony church of Christ.

## Recent Projects:

GBN has recently released a new series: *A Study of II Timothy with Gary Hampton*. The series is available on YouTube and the GBN App and website.



## Match Offer:

GOAL: \$100,000



We only have one more month to raise money for our Match Challenge! A GBN supporter has agreed to match every donation we receive up to \$100,000. In essence, your contribution is doubled! If you haven't already donated, we ask that you please consider! If you send a check to contribute to this effort, please remember to include "Matching Funds" in the memo line. Or you can donate online at <https://gbntv.org/support/>.

Brotherly,

*Don Blackwell*

Don Blackwell, Executive Director, GBN

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Dear Brethren,

At the close of the year, often we take time to reflect. As we near the end of 2023, I am reminded of all the blessings we have enjoyed this year. There are too many to enumerate on one page, but consider some of the 2023 highlights:

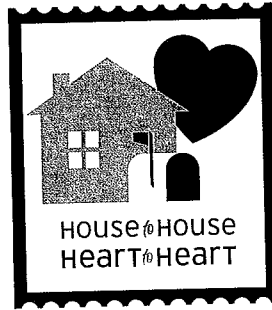
- We have been blessed to graduate young men to go into the fields, which are white unto harvest (Jn 4:35).
- We have been blessed also to welcome more new students to the campus, to begin their studies in learning the Word, and how to preach the Word to all the world (2 Tim. 4:2; Matt. 28:19-20)!
- The Foundations Camp, held each year on the MSOP campus, encourages us greatly, as we see so many young people remembering their Creator in the days of their youth by learning His Word (Eccl. 12:1).
- The annual MSOP lectureship, held each last week of March, was also a great week of studying the Word. We enjoyed a thrilling study on the subject of Wisdom. We anticipate next year's study on how Righteousness Exalts A Nation, (March 31-April 3, 2024).

These blessings, and countless others, would not be possible without you! We thank you for the generosity you have shown toward our efforts to train men to preach the gospel of Christ. Your contributions to MSOP represent a willing sacrifice on your part, to use money God has blessed you with in the earthly here and now, in order to help others find eternal blessings in the heavenly there and then.

As we close out this year, we solicit your continued prayers for us. Rest assured, we will continue to thank God for you and all that you mean to the spread of the kingdom. Have a safe and happy new year!

His servant and yours,

B. J. Clarke  
Director, MSOP



Good news!

We have had more conversions in the last year than ever before in House to House's existence. We said that in 2020 and 2021 and 2022—and now we have surpassed it again in 2023! **1000 baptisms have been reported from HTH churches so far in 2023.** That is more than three conversions a day! People are looking for the truth, and they need God's people to help them find it.

We want to thank you for sending House to House out bi-monthly. We could not have reached so many homes and recorded so many conversions without you.

In light of the current success, we also want to issue a challenge to you. Would your congregation consider mailing every issue in 2024? You have been mailing every other issue—simply switch to mailing HTH each month. This will increase the number of issues that reach your neighbors from six to twelve, just for the year. There is no better time to evangelize your community than right now. If ever our nation needed the gospel, it is now.

Can't add all six issues? Choose as many as you can from the list below.

**February** | Can God Really Forgive Me? (Deadline: Dec. 29)

**April** | Worthy of Praise (Deadline: Feb. 15)

**June** | Are You Covered? (Deadline: Apr. 15)

**August** | Looking for Love (Deadline: June 15)

**October** | What Does God Do with Heaven's Trash? (Deadline: August 15)

**December** | The Ten Most Important Words You'll Ever Say (Deadline: Oct. 15)

By helping us to increase the audience for HTH in 2024, you provide the potential to increase this year's conversions. Simply call Matt Wallin toll-free at 1-877-338-3397 or email [Matt@housetohouse.com](mailto:Matt@housetohouse.com).

Keep sowing the seed of the kingdom!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Wallin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Matt Wallin



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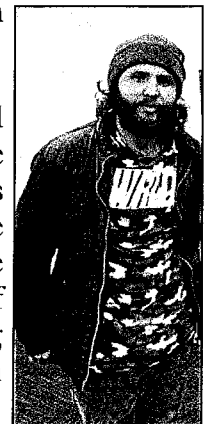
## Hawke's Bay - NZ

*Happy Holidays!* I hope all of you have had a terrific Thanksgiving and are looking forward to the Christmas season. We are looking forward to being together with kids and grand kids. At the beginning of January, we will be heading back to the Pacific, Lord willing. Kathy and I want to thank you for your encouragement, prayers, support and enabling us to give our time to the Lord's work. We know we could not do this type of mission work without your financial support. We realize that the blessings come from God, but he has blessed us through you.

After leaving Fiji, we headed to another Pacific Islands country, New Zealand. We teach the Pacific Islands Bible College classes in two different locations in this country, Auckland and Hawke's Bay. This time, Kathy and I were working in Hawke's Bay.

Most people do not think about island countries in the Pacific being cold. When we left Fiji, temperatures were in the upper 70s - low 80s in the daytime. Most all of the places in the Pacific are very warm and some are extremely hot. Tarawa, Kiribati is located about 70 miles from the equator. We can always know this place is going to be HOT! However, New Zealand is completely different. In Hawke's Bay some of the mornings when we woke up it was in the 30s. Due to baggage weight restrictions, it is very hard to get the clothes we need for the warm weather and also have the proper clothing for cold weather. Kathy and I try to carry just enough warm clothing so we do not freeze when we are working in New Zealand. In all the other island countries, we run the AC, but in New Zealand we run the heater. I'm not sure how all the Samoans that come from hot weather live in such a cold place. For me personally, I had rather sweat than be cold any day.

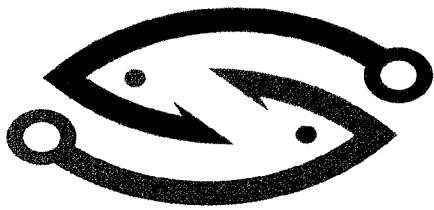
This was our first time to return to New Zealand since Covid. Steve Vice, one of our elders, and also a PIBC teacher was the last one in this location. Actually, Covid was breaking out while he was there, and he barely got out to return home. It was great to see the brethren, study God's word and have the time of fellowship. They are a small group and since our last trip one of the members died, David Vickers. He is greatly missed. He and Joe were able to share the responsibilities for preaching, leading singing, etc. Fortunately, they do have a new member of the body of Christ, Tui. Joe is training him to help in the worship. Right now, Tui is leading prayers and serving the Lord's supper. After he has more time to grow, he will be helping with some of the preaching.



## Financial Report for December 2023

All funds overseen by Forest Park Elders

	DECEMBER
<b>Total Contributions</b>	\$ 11,715.00
Balance Prior Month	\$ 617.13
Total	\$ 12,332.13
Expenses	\$ (11,700.00)
Balance	\$ 632.13
<b>Expenses Paid Out</b>	
Special project fund	\$ 216.54
Travel for PIBC/Evangelistic	\$ 3,200.00
Salary	\$ 3,897.11
Mailing	\$ 725.18
Printing/Office Supplies	\$ 558.87
Phone / Internet	\$ 152.00
Insurance	\$ 374.30
Secretary	\$ 1,240.00
Housing/Office	\$ 1,336.00
Total	\$ 11,700.00



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December 1, 2023

Adamsville Church of Christ  
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Dear Adamsville Church of Christ,

The Fishers of Men Evangelism Training Course has been concluded in Miami, FL (Magnolia Heights congregation) and the Philippines (online). Graduation is coming up very soon for the class in Brookland, AR! These three classes combined have reported on 156 Bible studies with 53 different souls! Additionally, there have been four baptisms during these classes! To God be the glory! The work continues! As I often tell my students, the Fishers of Men training course is not about simply working until graduation. It is about having a new lifestyle of evangelism!

I continue to get messages about the continued work from previous classes; in fact, over the past few days I got messages about two more baptisms!

Additionally, we have begun the FOM training course at my home congregation in Coldwater, MS. It is Week 4, which means the assignment has been given to set up and conduct Bible studies. These students will report on their studies for the first time at our next class.

Please join me in praying for the continued work in winning souls for Christ.


Next month, I am scheduled to be in India for two weeks. I plan to be in a couple of different parts of India working with youth, preachers, preaching students, and conducting meetings. Please pray for this work as well.

It is a blessing to be able to work for the Lord in these ways.

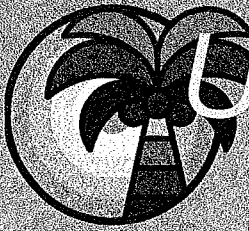
Thank you for being a part of this work!

Because of Him,

Tim II and Rachel Wilkes

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Monthly Newsletter

# UNDER A PALM TREE

Psalm 92:12

Happy Holidays to everyone. It is that time of year when we are busy with all the festive celebrations of the fall and winter months. We hope all of you are enjoying time with your loved ones.

In the last newsletter I spoke of the preparations to make a trip to Majuro. I went into some detail about the work it takes to travel to some of these locations for the purpose of teaching the Pacific Islands Bible College courses. As I get more involved in this work, I learn how much work goes into this ministry.



*The Church at Majuro*

However, this month I would like to spend my time discussing the events of my trip to the Marshall Islands. As I mentioned last month, I arrived in Majuro a few days before my co-worker, Steve Vice. The day I arrived we had planned for me to come to the church building and begin the PIBC classes. When I arrived on the island I was greeted by two Christians, Eldon and his wife Wilma. They are both strong Christians in the Lord's Church there in Majuro. A few years back they requested help with another vehicle to pick up members for worship and bible class. A generous congregation in the states donated one of their older Church vans.

Brother Stacy Ferguson arranged for the shipping of the van and delivery to Eldon. He used it to pick missionaries up from the airport as well as pick up some of those who lived far from the church building.



*John ready for class!*

Steve was on a very tight schedule and the Christians in Majuro also had a deadline to be finished with the classes. Because of this, I started my PIBC class the night I arrived, I taught for several nights before brother Vice arrived. At which point he

## Financial Report for October 2023

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	October
<b>Total Contributions</b>	\$ 6,260.00
Balance prior month	\$ 1,210.00
<b>Total</b>	\$ 7,470.00
Expenses	\$(6,811.85)
<b>Balance</b>	\$ 658.15
<b>Expenses Paid Out</b>	
Travel for PIBC/Evangelistic	\$ 1,600.00
Salary	\$ 2,600.00
Mailing	\$ 82.33
Phone / Internet	\$ 313.15
Health Insurance	\$ 175.30
Vehicle Insurance	\$ 300.90
Office	\$ 83.02
Mortgage	\$ 1,500.00
Utilitiles	\$ 157.15
<b>Total</b>	\$ 6,811.85

*JW*



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November 14, 2023

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Dear Brethren,

We are thankful for all the dedicated brethren who were involved in beginning the Memphis School of Preaching in 1966. We are thankful for those over the years that have overseen this work, those that have taught the students, and those that have encouraged and supported the work of the School. We are most importantly thankful every day, for every good and perfect gift, which comes from the Father above (Col. 3:15, James 1:17).

The School is a part of the Bible teaching program of the Forest Hill church of Christ and is supported by the Forest Hill congregation, and by other faithful brothers and sisters, individually and congregationally. The School has been blessed to train many hundreds of men to preach the Word. However, without the financial assistance and prayers of so many faithful brethren, this worthy work would not be possible.

End of the year tax deductible contributions make a huge difference in funding our labors for the Lord. These contributions help us in so many different areas: 1) they help to meet the general expenses it takes to run the School; 2) they assist students who have not yet raised their support; 3) they help to fund the annual Foundations camp for over 100 teens; 4) they help to distribute the Yokefellow publication; 5) they help to maintain the N.B. Hardeman Library; 6) they help cover the expenses of the annual MSOP Lectureship.

We are thankful for you and what you mean to the School. We are committed as a faculty to teaching the Truth and seeking to save the lost (Luke 19:10). Please pray for us!

His servant and yours,

B. J. Clarke  
Director, MSOP



*JTW*

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## November Newsletter

### **Bryon and Katie Buzan**

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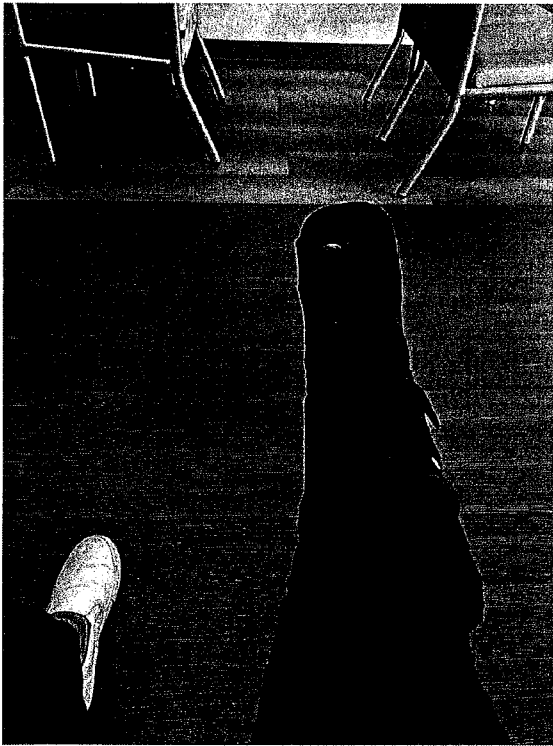
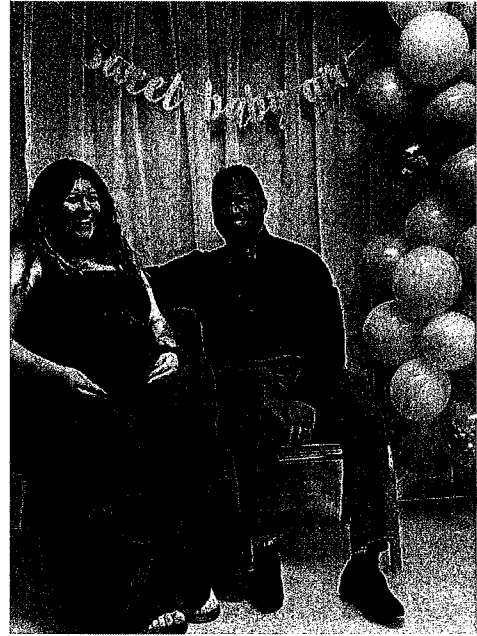
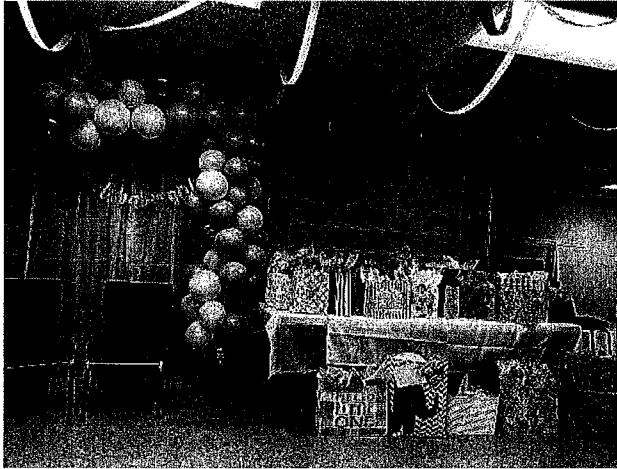
Hello Brothers and Sisters! Thank you so much for your love and support as we continue this journey at BearValley! A lot has happened since the last time we sent the last newsletter last month so allow me to fill you in!

First off, on a good note, Katie and I passed our first quarter here at Bearvalley which is exciting! A lot of hard work and a lot of late nights, but we were able to come out on top! After the quarter was over, we had a baby shower for Katie and me (the second one.) My mom (Bryon) came up from Texas to throw us a shower with family members and friends! It was beautiful and fun!

October 31<sup>st</sup> was our first official day of our new quarter! This new quarter is only 5 weeks, but the classes are extremely eye opening and learning so much! The classes we have Monday, Wednesday, and Friday are Greek I with Ken Dawdy, Mark with Micheal Hite, and Homiletics I with Wayne Jones! On Tuesday and Thursday's, we have Exegesis with Denny Petrillo and Acts with Wayne Jones! Extremely knowledgeable and zealous men with so much wisdom that their perspective and zeal show through the way they are teaching us!

On November 5<sup>th</sup> Katie had an unfortunate fall. We walked out of the LA-Z-Boy furniture store, and she missed the step and both her ankles bent inward and she fell on the pavement. She was unable to stand up, especially on her right leg, but fortunately she protected the baby from her fall so the baby is doing great and nothing wrong with her! Katie's leg is so swollen they are leaning towards her having a fracture in her ankle that is going to take 3 months to heal.





JW

Merry Christmas to you and your family! We hope you are enjoying the holiday season. Here is a little update on our family for 2023.

Hannah is still working in graphic design. Her company moved out of Nashville to Hartsville in the fall. It is the same distance from her home, so she didn't have to move. Dori, her cat, is 14 years old and had started having a few health problems. Hannah was very worried about her. She has nursed her back to health, and Dori is doing much better now. She is so funny—when Hannah calls us from her home, Dori likes to meow and be a part of the conversation (other than Hannah, Kirk is Dori's favorite, and she regularly talks to him on the phone).

Katie has loved attending Killen church of Christ. In the summer she was able to help with a class at VBS and loved it. She also is in the rotation to help with the 3-year-old class on Sunday mornings. One of the things she has enjoyed about living in the Shoals is the Shoals Theatre. They have plays and show movies during the holidays. She saw a couple of plays there this year and some movies. We also got around to touring Fame studios this year. She really enjoyed it. She continues to enjoy music and has been to a couple of concerts with Kirk this year. They are excited about going to see Journey in Birmingham in February.

In June, Kirk completed five years with Heritage. He works so hard and gives his all to the work here. It is exciting to think about all our students will accomplish in the coming years. Kirk traveled a lot in 2023, including speaking in nine states and taking two mission trips to the country of Panama. All the travel is starting to catch up with the school car (it has been in the shop three times this year).

Kirk still enjoys his bees, but it has been a hard year for them. The freeze in the spring impacted their honey production, and he lost several colonies due to viruses. He gets so attached to his bees that he takes losing a colony personally. He has always had Italian honeybees. This year he added a Carniolan colony and a Caucasian queen. He hopes to add a Russian colony next year. I caught my first two swarms this year when I found two behind the house. It turns out they did not have queens (he said they were "after-swarms")



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November 14, 2023

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Dear Brethren,

**Thank you for your gift of \$100.00!** Your partnership with Heritage Christian University helps students of the Bible thrive in ministry by allowing them to earn an effective and affordable degree at a university focusing on evangelism and commitment to scripture.

At a time of the year when the phrases "Thankful, Grateful, Blessed", "Give Thanks", or even simply "Thankful for you" seem to be on every tee shirt, decorative pillow, wall decoration, and coffee mug, it can seem cliché to use those phrases. Cliché as it may be, it is sincerely how I feel regarding you.

Again, thank you for your generosity! On behalf of the HCU team, we pray that the Lord will continue to bless you. When I can be of service to you, please contact me directly at 256-483-1106 or [jharrison@hcu.edu](mailto:jharrison@hcu.edu).

Sincerely,

J. T. Harrison  
Vice President of Advancement

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*John*

November 13, 2023

Adamsville Church of Christ  
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

November is a beautiful time in Denver. We so frequently look forward to the snowfall and cooler temperatures. But it is also a time where our nation focuses on the Thanksgiving holiday.

At Bear Valley we “celebrate” thanksgiving year around, because we are blessed with so many who give generously to this work. You are one of those, and so we thank the Lord for you. But we want you to know how much we appreciate it as well!

There is much in the Bible about gratitude. On one occasion Jesus healed ten lepers, but only one returned to say thanks (Luke 17:11-19). I’m sure the other nine thought they had legitimate reasons to not directly express their thanks to Jesus, but those reasons were not good enough. Jesus expected gratitude to be shown.

It is true that the month of November reminds a lot of people to return and say “thanks.” But I’m hopeful that you know, month after month, year after year that we are grateful. It is not that you’re looking for a word of thanks. It is because it is the right thing to do. And, of course, Jesus concludes this by saying that the receiver should “give glory to God.” We certainly do that. We praise God for all those who sacrificially invest in this work.

So, again, thanks! May the Lord richly bless you for your love and generosity.

In His service,

*Denny Petrillo, Ph.D.*

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