

# THE BOZEMAN REPORT

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*Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." (Mark 1:17)*

Another couple of months have come and gone, as time passes so quickly these days! Spring weather has set in here in Montana, which means some late snow and quite a bit of rainy weather. We'll take what we can get! This year has been a light year for snow, and that usually leads to a bad fire season in the summer months. The more moisture we get, the better!

We had another bout with Covid in this area, and this time it hit several folks in the congregation. Most of our family ended up having a round of it, and of course that held us back for a couple of weeks while we recovered. One of the lasting symptoms for me has been a cough I just can't seem to shake, but it is definitely improving. The rest of the family has been able to recover well, and doesn't seem to have any lasting effects.

## ***Bible Studies***

We've completed a couple of our regular studies this month. Our study on the campus of Montana State University wrapped up with a study of Jonah. Mike Philips was teaching a series on God's redemption throughout the scriptures. We had several students join us throughout the year, and 3 that attended quite regularly. We plan to pick this study up at the beginning of the fall semester.

We also completed our study in the book of Genesis on Sunday mornings. I thoroughly enjoyed the more "in-depth" study of the book. We focused a lot on the theme of "faith building" as we worked through the book, concentrating on the main characters and their journey toward the kind of faith that God wanted for them (and for us). Justin has now started teaching a class on the letter to the Colossians. I'm enjoying getting to sit in this study. I believe this is the first time since I began preaching "full time" that I am not teaching the Sunday morning adult Bible study. While I love to teach, I also appreciate the opportunity to listen and learn!

On Wednesday evenings, I am continuing a study in the letter of 1 Thessalonians. We have progressed to chapter 4. We have been noting Paul's tone to these brethren and comparing it with some of his other letters. It is interesting to see how, with brethren who had not yet had time to mature, he was so calm and compassionate with the instructions. Justin and Joey are also continuing to study the book of Proverbs with the teenage class on Wednesday evenings. I know this has been a good study, and have seen good growth in Joey as he helps to prepare for this class.

We continue to have personal studies as we have opportunity. Over the last few weeks, I have been able to have some discussions/studies with a lady that I connected with through some of my secular endeavors. While I have had some really good discussions that have arisen through this "door of opportunity," she is the first to really be willing to have more serious discussions, and has visited with us in our assembly as well.

## ***Sermons...***

I am continuing to preach through the book of Hebrews. While I do not use every opportunity in the pulpit to work on this series, I have been trying to concentrate on it much more this year. I had set this as a plan for last year, but the struggles with health prevented me from making the progress I had hoped. I have worked up through chapter 4 in this series. I haven't completely planned out the series, so I am not sure how many lessons will form the entire series.

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### **Average Attendance:**

*Sunday: 17*

*Wednesday: 16*

cards and notes that frequently come our way, and show that many continue to pray for our efforts here. We remember you always in our prayers! May God continue to bless you abundantly as you serve Him in the Kingdom!

### **Upcoming Travels...**

We are planning to do some traveling at the end of June/ beginning of July. We are hoping to take our kids to their usual summer camp in Russellville, AL the first week of July. After that, Cynthia has been invited to teach at another camp for young ladies. We are trying to determine what the most expedient way of handling the extra time is, but it appears we may end up being gone a little longer than we usually are for our summer trip. This will, however, open up a little opportunity for me to visit with at least a couple of the churches around the state of Alabama that are supporting us in the work here in Bozeman. One of those, already scheduled, is the church in Auburn, which we have not been able to visit for several years. It is amazing how quickly time flies by!

### **In closing...**

As always, we are forever indebted to you for your generosity that allows us to preach the gospel here in Bozeman. As things continue to get more expensive everywhere, it only makes your sacrifice that much more evident. We appreciate the