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Director's Report

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Fall (2) classes listed to the right began on October 27. Presently, I have 23 students enrolled in The Life of Paul and 24 in Philosophy. I wrote earlier about the new dual credit opportunity for high school students. Amarillo College is now offering tuition free classes for those who complete 15 hours of dual credit in high school. This begins in 2026. We are already seeing some effect of this new program. One private high school contacted me about our religion classes and how they can prepare students interested in a religion major to take advantage of the tuition free program at AC. This means that we will have more students coming to AC to complete their associate degree. One goal of this program is to encourage more students to continue their degree program at a university.

We are continuing our Tuesday lunches with a devotional which includes brief information about the Greek language and Greek tools in our library for students to use. In addition, we will offer a Greek class in the summer for credit or audit. Several students have expressed an interest in these studies in Greek. Two professors have also expressed interest in language studies.

I have emphasized the value of using the textbooks in our library for general reading and biblical research. Students tend to google instead of using books. It is better to become acquainted with the authors. Churches and individuals have donated useful books for our use, and we are grateful!

CLASS SCHEDULE

FALL 2025

RELG 2302-002 Life of Paul
October 27 - December 19
M/T/W/Th 9:00 - 10:15 AM

RELG 2302-003 Life of Paul
October 27 - December 19
M/T/W/Th/F/S
Online (Web)

PHIL 1301-002 Intro to Phil.
October 27 - December 19
T/Th 7:00 - 9:45 PM

SPRING 2026

RELG 1301-001 Old Testament
January 20 - March 13
M/T/W/Th 9:00 - 10:15 AM

RELG 1301-002 Old Testament
January 20 - March 13
M/T/W/Th/F/S
Online (Web)

RELG 2301-001 Life of Christ
March 23 - May 15
M/T/W/Th 9:00 - 10:15 AM

RELG 2301-002 Life of Christ
March 23 - May 15
M/T/W/Th/F/S
Online (Web)

INCOME & EXPENSE	SEPT 2025
Income	
Adrian	500
Anna Street	400
Bell Avenue	3,600
Borger	300
Bushland	100
Clarendon	25
Claude	400
Clovis	1,000
Colonies	400
Dalhart	150
Fritch	50
Golden Plains	200
San Jacinto	750
Sunray	1,000
Texline	200
Individuals	145
Memorials	445
TOTAL INCOME	\$9,665
Expenses	
Payroll Expense (plus PR taxes)	7,737
Kappa Chi Meals	84
Utilities	467
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$8,288
Sept. Positive Cash Flow	\$1,377

Student Responses

In a class that just finished, one of our students wrote the following to this question. "What did you find in Romans most encouraging to you?"

Answer: "I take comfort in the knowledge that the Holy Spirit speaks for us when words fail or emotions take over, like a translator between the physical and spiritual realms. We rarely know what God's will is for us, but the Holy Spirit bridges the divide from us to Him. I also appreciate the reminder that all of creation is in this with us. We can so often feel alone in the world, but both literally and poetically, the very Earth beneath our feet is there to hold us up, and it longs for the same thing we desire, and it has been doing it much longer than we have."

The student was referring, of course, to this text: "Because the creation itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and travails in pain together until now. . . Likewise the Spirit also helps our infirmities; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit itself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." (Romans 8:22-26.)

Another student responded to this question: "Why do you think biblical scholars regard Romans so highly?" He replied, "I am going to answer this question with a quote from Martin Luther—'This epistle is really the chief part of the New Testament and it is truly the purest gospel. It is worthy not only that every Christian should know it word for word, by heart, but also that he should occupy himself with it every day, as the daily bread of the soul. We never read it or ponder over it too much; for the more we deal with it, the more precious it becomes and the better it tastes.'"

A professor and head of a Bible Department, brother J. D. Thomas, penned the following: "The Scriptures do have indications, however, of their supernatural origin. They have a majesty, a moral tone, a seriousness of purpose, a unity, an understanding of human nature, and a power to convict of sin and to produce faith in the person of Jesus Christ. Ordinary human writings are not this lofty, nor do they have such power. . . There is no way to know Christ at all, especially as Savior, without the Bible. The Scriptures serve as an all-important link in helping us enter into an intimate personal relationship with Christ. For this reason, he who accepts Christ accepts the Scriptures. The one is not possible without the other. The goal of the Bible is to produce the faith and the relationship. (Heaven's Windows, J. D. Thomas, 1974, 23-25.)