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Director's Report

by Mural Worthey



We have completed the first week of our second Spring term. My classes are listed to the right for both Spring and Summer sessions. One of my students has applied to Ozark Christian College in Joplin, MO, for the Fall term; others have gone to Lubbock Christian College in Lubbock, TX. We have youth ministers from area churches taking Bible classes at the Bible Chair to increase their knowledge of Scripture. We appreciate all of these who are studying with us at the Bible Chair.

Disciples and Christians. We are being inundated with ads in our area promoting seminars and lectures about becoming a disciple-maker. They go so far to say that you should "make disciples in the way which Jesus made them," as if there is a certain technique or model that you should follow. Books are flowing from the presses claiming to tell us exactly how to follow this pattern or model. There are several troubling matters about this emphasis.

It is true that the "Great Commission" given by Jesus to the apostles emphasizes that work of making disciples of all nations. But did the apostles all follow a certain model commanded by Jesus? Is there a method that one can discern in their going to the nations with the gospel? If so, I fail to see it in the record of the first century Church.

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CLASS SCHEDULE

SPRING 2026

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)

PHIL 1301-002
Intro to Philosophy
March 23 - May 15
T/Th 5:30 - 8:15 PM

RELG 2304-001
Revelation
March 23 - May 15
M/T/W/Th/F/S Online (Web)

SUMMER 2026

GREE 1311--001
Greek 1
June 8 - July 31
Tuesday/Thursday
7:00 - 9:45 PM

PHIL 1301-001
Intro to Philosophy
June 8 - July 31
M/T/W/Th/F/S Online (Web)

INCOME & EXPENSE	FEB 2026
Income	
Adrian	500
Anna Street	400
Bell Avenue	3,600
Borger	200
Bushland	400
Claude	200
Clovis	500
Colonies	400
Dalhart	150
Fritch	600
Golden Plains	400
San Jacinto	750
Sunray	1,000
Texline	200
Individuals	100
TOTAL INCOME	\$9,400
Expenses	
Payroll Expense (plus PR taxes)	7,962
Utilities	474
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$8,436
Febuary Positive Cash Flow	\$964

Christian Evidences

(5 pm, Bell Avenue Church of Christ)

March 8: Knowing and Believing (Mural Worthey)
 March 15: Proof That God Exists (Mural Worthey)
 March 22: One God, Many gods, No god (Jerry Lawlis)
 March 29: Age of the Earth (Jerry Lawlis)
 April 5: The Rocks Cry Out (Mural Worthey)
 April 12: Problem of Pain & Suffering (Jerry Lawlis)
 April 19: Role of Eyewitnesses (Mural Worthey)
 April 26: Jesus on Trial (Jerry Lawlis)

Financial report. In order to keep you informed about the finances of the Bible Chair, I want to explain some of the changes that have occurred for 2026. Due to the loss of \$500 per month that I reported last month, a couple of churches decided to give one-time contributions while we find additional monthly support. One church gave their support for six months at one time instead of monthly. For these reasons, contributions will be higher than usual for some months. If you need a more detailed accounting of these changes, feel free to ask and we will supply that for you. The elders at Bell Avenue and our treasurer handle the finances for the Bible Chair.

Thank you for your continued and faithful support of the work at Amarillo College.

Disciples and Christians, cont.

Jesus made disciples by calling them to "Come, follow me." Some left their fishing nets; one left his tax collecting booth. John the Baptist made disciples by his preaching and baptizing, but when Jesus began his ministry, John pointed out the Christ to them. He said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." (John 1:29.)

It was from this larger group of disciples that Jesus designated twelve as Apostles. Luke's record explains that the disciples of Jesus continued to grow, learning and maturing in the faith. However, it was not on Pentecost that they were called Christians.

When Barnabas urged Saul of Tarsus to come to Antioch and work with him, we find these words: "And the disciples were called Christians first at Antioch." (Acts 11:26.)

Followers of Christ were called by many names like saints, disciples, Christians, brethren, etc. The whole body working together "edifies itself and makes increase of itself in love." (Eph. 4:16.) Every member does not function the same way or seeks to do the same work as the others. Not every member should seek to become an "eye, or hand, or foot." Every member is a disciple, Christian, saint. But everyone is not a teacher, apostle, prophet, or evangelist. Each has his own function in the body. (1 Cor. 12:27-31.) Why do we desire for everyone to do what we do?