

# The Reporter

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## Director's Report

by Mural Worthey



We are finishing our Summer session this week with a Greek 1 class (7 students) and philosophy (24 students). Our Fall 1 term will begin on August 24. I have 16 enrolled for Introduction to the New Testament and 25 have signed up for philosophy. I noticed an increase in the number of students signing up for religion as their major. For Fall 1 there are 24 who are religion majors taking New Testament and Romans. We are really pleased that more are declaring religion as their major at Amarillo College.

Our Greek class went well this summer with five taking the class for credit and two more for audit. I plan to offer this study more often due to the increase in interest in Koine Greek. We have many different Greek books that have been donated to the Bible Chair. Having these references books for students to do their research was very helpful. For their final exam, I assigned a research project for them to use these books and commentaries which refer often to the Greek text. Students too often rely on Google and AI without knowing the authors of the material that they are relying upon.

During the break between Summer and Fall classes, Norma and I will be visiting family in northeast Mississippi. I am scheduled to teach classes and preach at Christian Chapel Church of Christ on August 9. I look forward to being with them again. They have been a great encouragement to us.

## CLASS SCHEDULE

### FALL 2026

#### RELG 1302-001

##### New Testament:

August 24 - October 16

M/T/W/Th 9:00 - 10:15 AM

#### RELG 1302-002

##### New Testament:

August 24 - October 16

M/T/W/Th/F/S Online (Web)

#### PHIL 1301-001

##### Intro to Philosophy:

August 24 - October 16

M/T/W/Th/F/S Online (Web)

#### RELG 2303-002

##### Romans:

October 26 - December 18

M/T/W/Th 9:00 - 10:15 AM

#### RELG 2303-003

##### Romans:

October 26 - December 18

M/T/W/Th/F/S

Online (Web)

#### PHIL 1301-002

##### Intro to Philosophy

October 26 - December 18

T/Th 7:00 - 9:45 PM

| INCOME & EXPENSE                | JUNE 2026        |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                   |                  |
| Adrian                          | 500              |
| Anna Street                     | 400              |
| Bell Avenue                     | 3,600            |
| Borger                          | 200              |
| Bushland                        | 400              |
| Clarendon                       | 25               |
| Claude                          | 200              |
| Clovis                          | 500              |
| Colonies                        | 400              |
| Dalhart                         | 150              |
| Golden Plains                   | 400              |
| San Jacinto                     | 750              |
| Sunray                          | 2,000            |
| Texline                         | 700              |
| Individuals                     | 425              |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>             | <b>\$ 10,650</b> |
| <b>Expenses</b>                 |                  |
| Payroll Expense (plus PR taxes) | 7,962            |
| Advertising (Web Site 2-yrs)    | 402              |
| Office Supplies                 | 117              |
| Kitchen Supplies                | 4                |
| Property (yard insect spray)    | 21               |
| Utilities                       | 461              |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>            | <b>\$ 8,967</b>  |
| June Positive Cash Flow         | <b>\$ 1,683</b>  |

**Thank you!** In the column to the left is a list of several churches and individuals who contribute monthly to the work of the Bible Chair. Area Christians have made it possible for the work to continue at Amarillo College for the past 54 years (since 1972). The San Jacinto Church of Christ established the work in that year and has been a faithful supporter ever since. In addition, we receive several gifts in memory of loved ones on a monthly basis.

Michael Foster and his grandchildren from Bell Avenue Church of Christ take care of the lawn for us. This is a weekly task that demands time and effort. I also want to acknowledge Enviro-Ag Engineering for providing a copier for our office over many years. This company in Amarillo is run by Norman and Bryan Mullins. They are members of the Comanche Trail Church of Christ.

Over the past 54 years, only three churches have served as the overseers of the Bible Chair. They are San Jacinto Church of Christ, Comanche Trail Church of Christ, and Bell Avenue Church of Christ. They have made sure that the Bible Chair has the financial resources to continue and that the Chair provides a Christian environment for students at Amarillo College. I have great appreciation for everyone involved in this work of teaching religion classes, spending time with students, and providing regular devotional periods of worship and encouragement.

Over the past nine years of my experience here, I have seen first-hand the good that teaching Bible classes on a weekly basis has upon students. They regularly express their appreciation for what you are doing.

**Refreshing Christians.** Several times in Paul's letters he refers to Christians who refreshed his spirit. Here are a few examples. "At the same time, prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping that through your prayers I will be graciously given to you." (Philemon 22) And, "Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. **Refresh my heart in Christ.**" (Philemon 20, ESV) "May the Lord grant mercy to the household of **Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me** and was not ashamed of my chains." (2 Tim. 1:16.) "We rejoiced still more at the joy of **Titus because his spirit has been refreshed** by you all." (2 Cor. 7:13.) It is good to note that there are "refreshing Christians" and that we should strive to be one as well. "Repent therefore and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that **times of refreshing** may come from the presence of the Lord. . ." (Acts 3:19.) A good sermon could be preached on "refreshing Christians"!