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Director's Report by Mural Worthey



I am scheduled to speak at Clovis, New Mexico, on Sunday, April 6, for each of their Sunday services. I will be filling in for their preacher, Michael Harmon. I appreciate this church for their generous support of our work at the Bible Chair. It is usually during this time of year, Spring and Summer, that I am invited to speak at various churches in the Panhandle. Local preachers are away for various reasons and I appreciate the opportunity to visit our supporting churches again.

As you know, Bell Avenue church is our overseeing congregation and has been since I arrived in the Summer of 2017. This adds to their responsibility, both financially and in time commitment. I appreciate them for their role in our work. With the completion of our building in 2023, a greater sense of appreciation and recognition exists for the Bible Chair in our community. We have more students signing up for Bible classes now than at any other time since the beginning of our work in 2017.

Our Summer classes are listed on the right. I will be presenting Revelation again due to students needing it. Even though it is listed as online/web based, let me know if you are available to meet in person. If so, we will meet once a week on Thursday evenings. I will stay in contact with those signing up for either credit or audit.

CLASS SCHEDULE

SPRING 2025

Current classes, March 17-May 9

Life of Christ (at Bible Chair)

Life of Christ (online)

Intro to Philosophy (on campus)

SUMMER 2025

RELG 2304-002

Revelation

June 2 - July 25

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

PHIL 1301-001

Intro to Philosophy

June 2 - July 25

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

FALL 2025 (1st 8-weeks)

RELG 1302-001

New Testament

August 25 - October 17

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

RELG 1302-002

New Testament

August 25 - October 17

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

PHIL 1301-001

Intro to Philosophy

August 25 - October 17

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

| INCOME & EXPENSE | FEB 2025 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Income | |
| Adrian | 500 |
| Anna Street | 300 |
| Bell Avenue | 3,600 |
| Borger | 300 |
| Bushland | 100 |
| Clarendon | 25 |
| Claude | 200 |
| Clovis | 1,000 |
| Colonies | 400 |
| Dalhart | 150 |
| Fritch | 50 |
| Golden Plains | 200 |
| San Jacinto | 750 |
| Sunray | 1,000 |
| Texline | 200 |
| Individuals | 175 |
| Memorials | 250 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$9,200 |
| Expenses | |
| Payroll Expense (plus PR taxes) | 7,737 |
| Utilities | 455 |
| TOTAL EXPENSE | \$8,192 |
| February Positive Cash Flow | \$1,008 |

The Apostles

The value and importance of the apostolic group, the twelve, must always be greatly appreciated. Luke recorded, after the conversion of three thousand, that they "continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine, in fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and prayers." (Acts 2:42.) Note that it is the "apostles' doctrine" that they continued to learn and follow.

The apostles were eyewitnesses of the life and deeds of Jesus Christ. They were responsible for testifying concerning what they saw and heard. Note what Luke wrote about it: "God raised Jesus the third day and made Him to appear, not to all the people, but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses and commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the One appointed by God to be the judge of the living and the dead." (Acts 10:40-43.) We should have great respect and appreciation for the twelve. They can never be removed or replaced!

Recently I completed a presentation of First and Second Peter at Bell Avenue. This gave me a greater appreciation for the apostle Peter. Here are some comments about this great apostle. Peter did not write as many letters as Paul, but we have more said about him in the New Testament than any of the apostles. Peter is mentioned almost 200 times in the NT. Nine of the NT books mention his name. He is prominent in the following books: the four gospels, the first half of Acts, and 1 & 2 Peter. He is mentioned by the name Cephas in First Corinthians. Paul mentions him several times in Galatians.

Peter is named first among the twelve when they are listed in the gospels, like Matthew 10:1-4. Peter is known as the spokesman for the apostles because he so often speaks up. Peter shows respect for Paul, calling him our "beloved brother." (2 Peter 3:15-16.) There is no jealousy expressed toward Paul.