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Director's Report

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We just completed our summer eight-week session with 42 out of 44 completing two courses. I had an exceptional group of students in our Revelation class; 19 of 19 completing the course with excellent grades and one taking it as an honor's class. This student, in order to get honor's credit, completed a professional paper on "The Thousand-Year Reign" based on Revelation 20:1-6. He is an eighteen-year-old entering West Texas University in the Fall.

I presented the messages for the 16th and Pile church of Christ in Clovis, New Mexico, on Sunday July 20. They are a faithful supporter of the Bible Chair and a great encouragement to me. Norma and I will be traveling to Amory, MS, during the break before our Fall semester. I will present three messages for the Christian Chapel church of Christ on Sunday, August 10. I preached for this church for nine years, 1985-1993.

July 2025 is the beginning of our ninth year of work at the Bible Chair. Norma and I are committed to this work. We thoroughly enjoy our work with Amarillo College and its students. We appreciate all our supporters who understand the value of teaching Bible at a state community college (rated number one in the nation). It is a unique opportunity made available to us and continued faithfully since 1972. Paul wrote, "Preach the word, be ready in season and out of season, reprove, rebuke, and exhort with complete patience and teaching." (2 Tim. 4:2)

CLASS SCHEDULE

FALL 2025

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)

RELG 2303-003 Romans 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)

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 Philosophy October 27 - December 19 T/Th 7:00 - 9:45 PM

INCOME & EXPENSE	JUNE 2025
Income	
Adrian	500
Anna Street	400
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
TOTAL INCOME	\$9,050
Expenses	
Payroll Expense (plus PR taxes)	7,737
Building Insurance	3,873
Utilities	235
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$11,845
June Negative Cash Flow	\$2,795

Five Witnesses for Jesus in John 5

Jesus declared, "If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not deemed true. There is another who bears witness about me." (John 5:31, 32.) Then Jesus enumerated others who testified or gave witness concerning him.

- 1) "You sent to John (the Baptist) and he has borne witness to the truth." (5:33)
- 2) But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. "For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me." (5:36)
- 3) "And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me." (5:37)
- 4) "You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life." (5:39, 40)
- 5) "Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?" (5:45-47)

What Witnesses Would Jesus Give in Speaking to Us?

To the Jews in Jesus' Day, He gave the above as witnesses to Himself and to the Truth. He pointed to John the Baptizer, the works the Father gave to Him to accomplish, the Father Himself, the Old Testament Scriptures, and Moses' writings whose disciples they were. If Jesus were speaking to us today, what witnesses would He appeal to in order to urge us to accept His words in addition to the five named already?

- 1) Jesus, no doubt, would appeal to His life, deeds, death, burial and resurrection.
- 2) The apostles, the twelve special eye-witnesses. John wrote, "That which was from the beginning . . . the Life was made manifest and we have seen it and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us." (1 John 1:1-4)
- 3) "For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." (Rev. 19:10) This is a powerful statement that the angel made to John. The heart, life, and spirit of prophecy is the full testimony from Jesus and about Him that others have given.