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The St. Charles County Scene ...

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Merry Christmas!

I'll start off my report by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas. Time has really flown by in 2010, and I'm looking forward to what God will accomplish in 2011. I also want to take time to say thanks to all of the churches and individuals who help us out. Your giving to the Lord isn't overlooked nor unappreciated!

Bible Study Update

In my last report, I made mention about moving a Bible study to the Lambright's house. During the month of November, we finished the study about the overview of the Bible. In December, we started looking at the study of "So This is Salvation." So far, we have had a good study and learning, although the attendance hasn't been what we were hoping for. There are a few people we hoped would join us, but they didn't. There is still a chance that they will, especially after the start of the new year.

The Bible study at my house has also seen it's attendance suffer. In fact, we have had to cancel it for various reasons (people traveling, sickness, etc.) After the New Year, we will pick things back up, and I feel confident that we will have good attendance again.

Men's Breakfast Update

Speaking of updates, we have been continuing to have our Men's Breakfast / Bible study every other week. Although

attendance is sporadic, it still has been on the good side. Our men have come, but we have also had others come. These men haven't ever been to our church services or Bible studies, so it is good to have them. I hope that they will be interested in attending other things as well.

Outreach on the Web

A bright spot that I have noticed lately has been on the internet. I have been recording and posting my sermons on our church site (www.fifweb.net). I've been surprised that they have been downloaded 70-80 times each. I don't know who is listening, but I'm encouraged that someone is. I'm also encouraged with the belief that God blesses His word, no matter where or how or to whom it is given.

On a side note, if a church is wanting to donate a good wireless microphone to a mission work, please consider us. Upgrading the quality of recording is something that I would like to do in the near future.

When the Pastor's away ...

Speaking of things technical, I tried something new while I was gone for Thanksgiving. I got an old sermon of mine recorded when I pastored in Corning (thanks again, Virgil), and they played that in my absence. Things turned out very well. After everyone getting a kick over how much I've changed since 1995, they really enjoyed the sermon. They then proceeded to have a good Sunday School and worship time. In fact it was so good that they decided to stay an extra 30 minutes!

Christmas Eats & Treats

At the first of month, Shannon had all the ladies over to our house for a Christmas dinner and ornament exchange. She really pulled out all the stops (and my Mom's china) to make a great night for the ladies.

She told them that she wanted to serve them out of Christian love. I'm grateful to have a wife like that.

As the ladies were being treated, we guys took the kids to a dollar movie and out to eat pizza afterward. It wasn't as good as what the ladies had, but it filled us up!

Christmas Project

As we have done for the last few years, we made the Garza family our Christmas project. Each family took one of their kids' names and bought presents for them. It is good to see the membership wanting to look beyond themselves and help others in God's work.

Speaking of money, I'm grateful that the mission voted to raise my salary back in October. The increase is shown on the financial reports. (The reports for October and November are enclosed on the second page.)

Thanks again for all your prayers and support. Please remember to pray for me as I try to do God's work, and please pray for the work here!

Please Pray For

- New faces to come to church and Bible Study
- Continued attendance for the Bible Studies
- People to be saved and baptized

Averages (Oct. & Nov.)

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|------------------------|----|
| Sunday AM | 19 |
| Monday BS | 6 |
| Wednesday BS | 8 |
| 1st Time Sun. Visitors | 7 |

On the Web

If you would like know more about the mission work, please visit our web-site, www.stcharlesmission.com. There, you can read what would be presented to a church. Plus, all of our past reports are archived there.



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October Financial

Offerings:

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|----|-----------------|
| First Baptist Church - Bryant, AR | \$ | 500.00 |
| Antioch BC -Little Rock, AR | \$ | 50.00 |
| Central State Association- Benton, AR | \$ | 300.00 |
| Grace MBC- Corning, AR | \$ | 177.10 |
| Providence BC- Lafa, AR | \$ | 50.00 |
| Paragould BC- Paragould, AR | \$ | 75.00 |
| Hopewell MBC (3rd QTR)- Rector, AR | \$ | 522.08 |
| Hopewell MBC (4th QTR)- Rector, AR | \$ | 497.70 |
| New Testament MBC- Granite City, IL | \$ | 761.65 |
| Evergreen BC- Marston, MO | \$ | 50.00 |
| Mt. Calvary BC- Puxico, MO | \$ | 76.23 |
| Mount Calvary MBC-Sikeston, MO | \$ | 50.00 |
| Faith Promise-Sullivan, MO | \$ | 125.00 |
| Friends in Faith, O'Fallon, MO | \$ | <u>1,045.00</u> |
| Total Church offerings | \$ | 4,279.76 |

Expenses:

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|-------------------------------|----|-----------------|
| October salary | \$ | (2,400.00) |
| October expenses | \$ | (323.52) |
| Pastor Apreciation Month | \$ | (200.00) |
| Central States Youth Camp | \$ | (50.00) |
| Greenbrier Montessori Academy | \$ | <u>(500.00)</u> |
| Total Expenses | \$ | (3,473.52) |

Balances:

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|-------------------------|----|-------------------|
| Beginning | \$ | 29,137.82 |
| Total income | \$ | 4,279.76 |
| Total expenses | \$ | <u>(3,473.52)</u> |
| Ending (all balances)** | \$ | 29,944.06 |

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|------------------------|----|-----------|
| **Operating fund | \$ | 5,806.24 |
| **Building & Land fund | \$ | 24,067.27 |
| **Youth Fund | \$ | 70.55 |

November Financial

Offerings:

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|----|-----------------|
| First Baptist Church - Bryant, AR | \$ | 500.00 |
| Antioch BC -Little Rock, AR | \$ | 50.00 |
| Grace MBC- Corning, AR | \$ | 232.79 |
| Providence BC- Lafa, AR | \$ | 50.00 |
| Paragould BC- Paragould, AR | \$ | 75.00 |
| New Testament - Granite City, IL | \$ | 325.60 |
| Evergreen BC- Marston, MO | \$ | 50.00 |
| Mt. Calvary BC- Puxico, MO | \$ | 56.05 |
| Mount Calvary MBC-Sikeston, MO | \$ | 50.00 |
| Friends in Faith - O'Fallon, MO | \$ | <u>2,293.00</u> |
| Total Offerings | \$ | 3,682.44 |

Expenses:

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----|-----------------|
| November salary | \$ | (2,400.00) |
| November expenses | \$ | (182.31) |
| Central States Youth Camp | \$ | (50.00) |
| Greenbrier Montessori Academy | \$ | <u>(200.00)</u> |
| Total Expenses | \$ | (2,832.31) |

Balances:

| | | |
|-------------------------|----|-------------------|
| Beginning | \$ | 29,944.06 |
| Total income | \$ | 3,682.44 |
| Total expenses | \$ | <u>(2,832.31)</u> |
| Ending (all balances)** | \$ | 30,794.19 |

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|------------------------|----|-----------|
| **Operating fund | \$ | 6,593.37 |
| **Building & Land fund | \$ | 24,067.27 |
| **Youth Fund | \$ | 133.55 |

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