

Reporting from Lewistown

“What after all is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. I planted the seed and Apollos watered it, but God is making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.”

1 Corinthians 3:5-7

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Lewistown report for June 2016

The year has settled into a familiar weather pattern. Our winter was fairly mild without any large snowstorms or weeks of below zero cold spells. We had a delightful spring season with some warm days and cool nights. Now we have summer arriving. It has been in the upper 80's to mid 90's recently. All of our Amish neighbors are grateful because they are able to get their hay and grain harvest in the barn without any rain on it.

The congregation in Lewistown is doing that summer thing that all congregations do. Our attendance numbers are up and down so far. The old saying is “Up in the mountains and Down at the seashore”. Our folks work hard and I am glad to see families spending some quality time together. Our attendance for Sunday morning worship has been averaging the lower to mid 30's for the past month. Vacation time is upon us and so we are starting to see our folks leave town for some quality family time over the summer. We pray for safe travel for all of them as they journey. Our Wednesday night study groups are a little smaller. The men are averaging 6 or 8 each week. The Ladies study group varies but is usually well attended. The ladies have rejoined the men for the summer season.

We spent a lot of time and energy to prepare for an evangelism event on July 8th and 9th. The seminar that we are hosting is entitled “How the Bible came to us”. The main speaker will be Brother David Tarbet. He is currently serving as the outreach minister for the New Milford CT congregation. Brother Tarbet has a collection of English Bibles from the 1500's and 1600's that he donated to Freed Hardeman University. They will be on display during the time that he is here with us presenting the seminar. We put advertising in the local newspaper and several area businesses gave us permission to post a flyer that explains what is being offered. We did a mail out to local churches and all of our recent visitors. We have correspondence course students that have all received an invitation by mail with their lessons. One of our students came to hear the Ohio Valley Chorus perform for us. We sent invitations and one responded. We have been meeting with several former members for a time of Bible study. They are interested in coming to the seminar on July 8-9. It is a great way to reacquire our folks without having to renew contact during the worship service. The seminar will allow us to talk during the breaks when we share

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refreshments.

Preparing for two upcoming events at the same time is quite a task. First is the Bible seminar with David Tarbet. Second is the Sojourners visit with us in August. Our advertising is underway and our preparations for the sojourners visit is going to take some more effort.

Our Bible Correspondence course students continue to be responsive to the lessons that are presented.

We keep trying to reach out in any way that we can. God will surely give us the growth if we get busy doing the work. Please keep us in your prayers. God bless you all for what you have done to help grow the Lewistown Church of Christ. Without your support, there might be no church meeting here.

Personal Notes

The work on our house continues. Our vegetable garden was tilled and is planted thanks to two of my Brothers in Christ. I find that the time I spend in the garden is a very enjoyable part of my day. I go out just before dusk and do my maintenance and watering. We have several favorites coming on. Green beans, wax beans, lima beans, broccoli, beets, cabbage, swiss chard, brussel sprouts, cantaloupe, tomatoes, peppers and watermelon are all doing great. I should be able to begin picking just as August gets under way.

The local farmers have their corn and other crops coming up already. Every side road has an Amish farmer selling all manner of fresh produce from the back of his buggy. Can't wait for my garden to begin producing things that we can eat fresh. So far, I have picked green peppers, swiss chard and yellow squash. My vines have already set the crop of cantaloupe and watermelon that is to come. We are going to try to squeeze a week of vacation in before our Sojourner campaign. Our Grandson and his wife and two children have moved from Alaska and are currently in Indiana. We are looking forward to meeting our brand new Great Granddaughter as well as renewing our ties to our family.

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