

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 May 2016

The year is certainly off to a flying start. I remember my Dad telling me that as you got older time just seemed to go faster. I now understand what he was trying to tell me. It seems like we just got rid of the last of the snow a few days ago and already it is in the upper 80's.

The congregation in Lewistown remains at peace and anything is possible for a group like ours.

We were blessed to have Jim and Donna Smith with us from the Sojourners group. They were explaining in detail exactly what we needed to do to be prepared to have a productive time with that group when they arrive in August. There is certainly a lot of planning that goes into one of the campaigns. Follow up seems to be a key part of the campaign. We are busy preparing ourselves for the effort.

Our attendance for Sunday morning worship has been averaging the lower to mid 30's for the past month or so. Some thunderstorms and rain have kept our numbers down.)f course, 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. They are planning on rejoining the men for the summer season. That way when vacations come, we will still have a good size group to participate in the study.

We are on track as we 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 have our advertising ready to go in the local newspaper and several area businesses have given us permission to post a flyer that explains what is being offered. We are doing 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.

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Personal Notes

The work on our house continues. Things are being finished, repaired and painted as I write this report. We have added a 12 by 30 foot deck onto the back of the house. It resides under a beautiful Maple tree and should give us many years of service.

We celebrated Esther's birthday this year with a surprise visit from two of our daughters from NY and CT. It was a wonderful time and it was enjoyed by all.

Our Grandson (stationed in Fairbanks, Alaska) is being posted to a new army base. We found out that he will be stationed in Fort Knox, Kentucky. That is nine hours away from here but it sure is a lot shorter drive than Alaska.

Our vegetable garden was tilled and is partially planted. I have to till it again before I can plant the rest of the stuff that I have. So far it's mostly crab grass but I have great hopes for the future.

The local farmers have their corn and soybeans coming up already. Every side road has an Amish farmer selling fresh strawberries from the back of his buggy. They are wonderful berries that are ripe when you buy them. They taste great and they are picked fresh every day. I love this area more and more every day. Can't wait for local watermelons to arrive.

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Our Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University seminar on managing your finances wrapped up on May 22nd with a lesson on giving as the Lord intended. We have developed relationships with the people and we remain hopeful that some may be won for Christ. Every session ended with a prayer and the group seemed to be drawing closer to each other as a result of the discussion time that followed each of the DVD presentations.

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,