

HEAVENBOUND

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

Colossians 3:16-17 (NKJV)

A Letter From The Preacher

BY ZACH COLLINS

My dearest brothers and sisters in Christ, I would like to begin by explaining the motives and goal of sending out this newsletter each month. The thought began when a fellow Brother in Christ and preacher, Jeff Jenkins, discussed different ways he communicates with his congregation. He mentioned a newsletter he sends out to the congregation where he preaches, Lewisville church of Christ, in Lewisville, Texas.

He praised the benefits of such a letter and encouraged me to pursue a similar work with our congregation. My goal, with this newsletter, is simple: ***I want to strengthen and encourage the family here at Paintsville, so we can better work together to accomplish the mission of the Lord's church.*** Each month, I will notify you of the status of the various works we complete as a congregation, along with opportunities to work in the Kingdom and other bits of important information that will help us grow as a congregation. I hope that you are excited about this new communication tool!

UPCOMING EVENTS

***Gospel Meeting
April 19th - April 23rd***

Next month, Dale Jenkins will be visiting with us for our Spring Gospel Meeting! We need to begin inviting others and making plans to attend!

***OATH Conference
June 26th - June 28th***

OATH is fast approaching. We need to be preparing to attend and encourage others to attend this family event!

With that being said, let's take a look at the month of March in retrospect. I want to begin with our Community Food Program. If you are not currently involved with this work, I would encourage you to ask one of the elders, deacons, or myself and we can notify you as to the needs that still exist. So far, this work as been very beneficial to those who benefit from the program, along with those who participate in the program. Personally, I have had the opportunity to meet many of

the children who are the benefactors of this program. I have heard the stories about their current situation. I can see the thankfulness in their smiles as I roll the totes down the hallway of their school each Friday. By hearing and seeing their stories, it has helped me come to this conclusion: ***This work is needed now more than ever.*** If you venture over to our **NEW** Visitor's Center, posted on the cork board are letters sent to us from the students. If you have not read



Justin Stephens embraces his son, Wyatt, after he had the privilege to baptize him into Christ.

those letters, I would encourage you to take the time. It will be well worth it and it might change your perspective, as well. In addition to the Community Food Program, we also coordinate a Bed Program with the Johnson County School System. We are, once again, delivering beds to those who are in need. This is a wonderful work and much needed within our community.

I am trying to make it my mission, in my ministry, to fulfill the needs that Jesus mentions in **Matthew 25:35-40**. I love how He ends those verses by saying: ***"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*** I pray you will get involved with this work. Being apart of the Delivery Teams is a wonderful way to get involved!

QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

HOW CAN WE IMPROVE FELLOWSHIP?

If you have any ideas on how we could improve fellowship, or ideas for fellowship events, I would love to hear them!

YOUTH NEWS

In the month of March, our youth group travelled to Pigeon Forge to attend CYC, or Challenge Youth Conference. It was a wonderful weekend full of God's Word and spiritual growth! Keep praying for our youth each day.

MONTHLY TOTALS:

BAPTISMS: 1

FOOD BAGS: 120

What are some other ways we can grow our congregation and reach our community?

Now, let's switch to the individual: **Do you have any needs that need to be met?** If you have any needs, for which you need assistance, do not hesitate to ask. One of the greatest blessings of being apart of God's people is the fact you are surrounded by **GREAT** people, who are willing and able to help you. You can come to me, privately, and I can assist you or help find someone who can assist you. Do not neglect one of your greatest blessings as a Christian.

Here's an idea: After the epidemic we are experiencing passes over, I would like to begin a visitation program throughout the week. I want to call it: **Visitation Thursday.** Each Thursday afternoon, during the week, I will try to visit one individual. If you are interested in helping, or know someone who would benefit from this work, let me know! We can schedule a date and time for a visit. It's going to be a wonderful opportunity to get closer with our fellow Christians.



Our new Visitor's Center in the foyer. This is a great tool to evangelize to those who visit.

I want to close this letter by commending a special individual to my heart, my wife. She took time to create the new Visitor's Center in the foyer. This is a great tool we can use to evangelize to those who visit with our congregation. On this table, you will find reading materials, pamphlets, and other bits of information that will help improve our relationship with the

community. Be sure to check it out, especially the letters written to the congregation from the children. **Apparently, they LOVE Doritos!** I would like to close by asking a favor of you. If you see a visitor in worship, or bring a visitor to worship, I ask that you introduce them to me. Also, if you know of any opportunities that could lead to a Bible Study or visit, let me know!

MONTHLY VERSE

"As far as the east is from the west,
So far has He removed our transgressions from us."

PSALM 103:11 (NKJV)

OPPORTUNITIES

Participate in the Community Food Program and make a difference in the life of a family!

Be apart of the delivery teams for the Bed Program!

PRAY for those who have been affected by the spread of the Corona Virus!

Participate in, or benefit from, the Visitation Thursday program!

Step up and help fill the needs of a fellow brother or sister in Christ.

NEWSLETTER SIGN-UP

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