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"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ".

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Greetings from the Grant County church of Christ!

It's a new year, and we are busy keeping up! We enjoyed a great winter Gospel meeting in late January, with Brother Brian Egerton of North Lexington church of Christ as our special speaker. We sent out flyers, posted flyers in local businesses, and put door hanger invitations on homes in the county. Attendance was good, and we were blessed to meet many new people as well as renewing old friendships. Brian did a wonderful job, bringing the message to "Let the SON Shine", even in the cold dark winter!

We are continuing to work on details of a May campaign, culminating in a three-day presentation of "The Most Important Decision We Ever Make", by Bro. Mike Houts, May 4, 5 & 6. Bro. Houts is well known in both the brotherhood and the scientific community. In popular jargon, he really is a rocket scientist! The mission teams from Madison Alabama plan to be here, and we really look forward to having them here. If you have the opportunity, mark your calendars and come join us. You would be welcome for the presentation, or you could come early that week to help us knock doors!

Other future plans and hopes for the year include:

VBS June 10-13, with the group from Covington TN.

Work weekend in July with South Green Street.

Booth at the Grant County Fair in July and August.

School supplies drive in August.

Senior Bash in September.

Friends and Family Day in November.

The annual coat and Christmas box drive in November/December

We continue to make visits to the local nursing home. We are allowed to come in one Sunday afternoon a quarter, and hope to be able to make that once a month. We take the youth group, set up a puppet stage, and do a puppet skit, a short lesson, and lead the residents and their families in songs and prayer. Our last visit we had 42 guests, including both residents & their families. The goal is to get our young people involved and active in evangelism; and to reach out to the nursing home residents, and their families.

Brenda and I were blessed to be able to attend the Freed Hardeman Lectureship again this winter, and even though we came home with the flu that has been so widespread, it was still a time of renewing strength, learning, and being with brothers and sisters.

Our ladies have been working on lap quilts to pass out to hospitals and emergency responders. Many of the ladies are involved in this work, and so far over 100 quilts have been provided.

George Joppeck is still having good days and bad days, and we continue to rely on him, but he is still not up to his normal strength. Please keep George and his medical treatments in your prayers.

The Bluegrass Bible Institute classes continue, with our next quarter starting March 8. Brother Jerry Carmichael has come back to us to teach on the book of Isaiah this quarter. We have 14 signed up and attending this class. This outreach continues to be a great way to sow the seed out in the community.



Bluegrass Bible Institute Spring Qtr. - Isaiah

One of our efforts for many years has been the House to House/Heart to Heart mailings. This high-quality publication and mailing is not cheap, and right now we can afford to cover about 30% of the county households. But every time we look at the budget and ask if we can afford to continue it, within a day or at most two of that question coming up, someone in the community will stop me and thank us for sending it out! It is being read, and being passed on, and readers know and appreciate that we are responsible for them getting it. We may not be seeing a great increase in attendance

from the mailings, but the message is being received, and spreading the Word is our task.

Visitors continue to come to our area to visit the Ark Encounter, or the Creation Museum, or both, and we love having visitors. Please help us spread the word: Anyone visiting the Ark, or just passing through our area, we would love to have you worship with us. We are right off exit 159 on I-75, just 5 miles north of the Ark exit.

Like the persistent widow in Jesus' parable in Luke 18: 1-8, we continue to ask two specific requests of the Lord:

- (1) Lord, please show us more people to teach and reach with the gospel, and
- (2) Lord, please send us more young, Christian families.

The Lord will cause things to happen in His time, but we are beginning to see possible answers. Recently two visiting families have let us know they are contemplating a move to the area soon, and we continue to pray about that. We have one study on-going, and another one starting this next week.

The generous support of so many is what makes this work here in Grant County possible. We continue to grow and work in our efforts to serve the Lord and reach the lost. God has blessed us to the point where our regular contribution is able to sustain most of our regular monthly expenses, but we still rely on the support of many of you, both for Evangelize Kentucky and for us here at Grant County, to enable so many of the outreach programs, such as gospel meetings and campaigns, the mailings, and the efforts to reach out to the those around us. On a purely practical level, we have had a very cold winter this year, and our heating (LP) bills were almost double a normal year! Without the support of many of you, it would have been a difficult winter, but we received a gift from the Worthington congregation at just the right time. The Lord is good!

We are so grateful for all who care, support, and pray for us! We keep sowing the seed, and praying for the increase, and the Lord continues to bless us. Your continued support of this mission work with your prayers, your thoughts and encouragement, is so important. All of your support is greatly appreciated. Your prayers, efforts, and gifts, are not unseen by the Lord, and they are certainly not unnoticed by us! Thank you!

We would love to meet each of you, to show you what the Lord has accomplished through all of us working together, and to thank you in person for your prayers and support. Please come worship the Lord and study with us if you get the chance, and thank you for your continued prayers and support. God Bless you all!

Sincerely, in Him,

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