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Dear brethren:

Greetings from the Birmingham area, as we continue to pray for an end to the current COVID-19 pandemic and the associated limitations on our worship and outreach.

April saw us return to Wednesday night worship at the building, as well as holding our Sunday bible study at the building following morning worship. We are moving back in the direction of completely resuming our old schedule, but the members still need to discuss whether we will adopt the morning-only format (worship service, bible study, second worship/lesson) or return to the evening worship format. We have had one man insist that he will leave if we don't return to the split service, and also one of the families which originally pushed for the move is no longer worshiping with us, so it's likely we will return to the morning and evening services at some point this year. We will likely have those discussions in May.

I have begun a couple of new classes this month, with an open Bible study to be held on Wednesdays before lunch at a local restaurant. Several members have expressed interest, and we're hoping to make this a venue where we can invite non-members when possible. We'll begin studying from 1 Peter the first week of May. We are also attempting to restart a preacher study in the area covering 1 Corinthians, but that has been slow to get off the ground.

However, one of the area preachers and I are beginning to do morning broadcasts each Monday to go over different biblical topics. Our debut this past Monday covered Romans 5 and the idea of justification by faith. We also continue our Friday evening overviews where we meet via Zoom and discuss this week's daily reading of the Old Testament – we're currently moving into 2 Samuel.

In terms of pulpit teaching, I'm continuing to work through Romans each month. I was out two weeks in April while taking a vacation in the Northeast. My wife and I visited Philadelphia, New York, and Boston, and had an opportunity to meet and chat with the evangelists up there that I have known for some time. I also preached two lessons for the Upper West Manhattan church, where I worshipped before moving to Alabama.

As always, you can find my lessons on the Kimberly church of Christ website, our YouTube channel, and on most podcast platforms. We have made some adjustment to our stream, which has made for a better video experience, but we're still struggling with some audio issues!

Thank you again for your prayers and your support!

In Christ,



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