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Elders and Brethren

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Dear brethren:

Greetings from the Birmingham area!

I apologize for the late response this month! It has been a busy start to October for a number of reasons. We're starting our fourth quarter class, in which I'm teaching Lessons from the Return, covering materials beginning with the Jews' return to Jerusalem, so we're covering parts of Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah, Zechariah, Malachi, Esther, and possibly some inter-testament material if we have time. It has been a lot of fun and a great challenge to put together so far, as I'm creating some new material, so I'm hopeful this will turn out well.

We have had a difficult start to the month at Kimberly. I just learned that another family is leaving. Again, it's a case of natural attrition. The man is retiring, and they will be moving closer to their grandkids at some point next year. Because they have a number of things to close out first, the move won't happen until next spring at earliest, and likely will take place in Fall 2021.

What this means for the group is that we will be losing our top contributor and we will likely not have enough people to consistently fill each slot in our worship duty list on a consistent basis. The timing is ironic because we just started our regular worship schedule last week, and just resumed a regular duty list.

The men are meeting this weekend for our business meeting to discuss our options. I'm asking for prayers for the church, for me and Laura as we decide the future of the group. At this point there are several options on the table, and fortunately we have plenty of time to work through those options.

This month we have our gospel meeting with Mark White from Cy-Fair in Houston, so we're excited to have him here. Aside from that, I have begun participating in a preacher study on 1 Corinthians.

I wanted to disclose one other issue just to make sure that you're in the loop. The father of one of our former members apparently has told at least one person that he believes I have taught false doctrine from the pulpit. He's claimed (falsely) that I have taught that Jesus sinned and was not perfect while on the earth. The irony is that I have taught two sermons in the past year or so where I have specifically said that Jesus did not sin, and have taught against the trend in modern religious teaching that Jesus was a man who was imperfect and sinned like any other man. The man in question may have simply misunderstood, but that's hard to imagine.

Regardless, I don't expect that it will be widely broadcast, but in the off chance that you DO hear something, I wanted to make sure you were aware. I am in the process of contacting him, and have already talked to the members at Kimberly who heard the rumor, and that has been addressed. Again, please remember us in your prayers!

As always, you can find my lessons on the Kimberly church of Christ website, our YouTube channel, and on most podcast platforms. Our livestream has been out of service this past couple of weeks, so I have not been posting videos, but the sermons are still accessible through our podcast channel.

Thank you again for your prayers and your support, and please let me know if I can be of any service!

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Hammons', with a long, sweeping underline.

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