

February 2020 Report

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Saturday, February 29, 2020

Greetings Brethren,

February has been a trying and difficult month. We had a Gospel Meeting and Hymn Singing Workshop, a death in the brotherhood, a death in the family and illness which put us down for a long time.

Sister Wanda Braddock passed away on January 30, 2020 six days shy of her 79th birthday due to issues with her kidneys. Her funeral was held on Saturday, February 22, 2020 and was presided over by Bro. Richie Thetford who preaches at the Poudre Valley church of Christ in Fort Collins Co. This very same illness took both of the Braddock's children prematurely. Bro. Mark is the only one of the Braddocks left. Please pray for his strength and comfort at this time as we try to help him through.

On February 13th through the 15th Rio Grande Valley hosted a Hymn Singing Workshop taught by Bro. Tim Stevens.

On February 16th through the 19th Rio Grande Valley hosted a Gospel Meeting (also taught by Bro. Stevens) entitled *"Having Our Mind Transformed into the Mind of Christ"*.

On February 11th my wife came down with what we now believe was the flu; because she has a compromised immune system it promptly turned into pneumonia and later, she caught mononucleosis. I started to feel rough the next day, but managed to avoid the worst of it until later on in the week. On the 15th our youngest came down with the flu and woke up at about 3:00 A.M. From that point the flu ran rampant through our house. I wasn't able to attend worship or do much of anything other than take care of my family and be sick myself until the 26th. I am still sick as I write this but things are

improving and I believe we will have the whole family at worship by the first of March finally.

All of my studies were canceled from the time we all got sick. Bro. Richie Thetford brought the lesson for me on the 23rd.

My Grandfather Nathaniel Carleton passed away February 25th at the age of 92. He was an astrophysicist and a remarkable man. I will miss him dearly. His funeral is being held in Cambridge, Massachusetts on Sunday, March 1, 2020. I will not be able to attend.

I was informed by the Heights church of Christ that my final support check was the month of February and they would no longer be supporting the work here in Belen. This stems from the debacle which took place some months ago over the issue of Proverbs 6 and God's hate. I was unwilling to change the very Scriptural teaching which I presented here at our congregation, which was spread around and misrepresented, thus they decided that they needed to pull the support.

Support by the Month:

RGV (us)..... \$3,450

Heights..... \$200

Oaks West..... \$800

Rose Ave..... \$325

Wilkes-Charis..... \$750

Total..... \$5,525