



Preaching Report

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Another 'thank you'

Karen and I again express appreciation to you for your support of our work, financially and in prayer. We continue to receive cards and notes, indicating you are keeping us and the work in your prayers.

New this past quarter

Radio program

We launched a 30-minute radio program, which we entitled Searching the Scriptures, on a public radio station nearby—WSWO (97.7 and 101.5 FM)—the first of May. We signed a 90-day trial contract. The cost was minimal, \$30 a week.

However, we found the broadcast range of this station to be very limited and we received absolutely no feedback from listeners during the period, which will end at the end of July. Therefore, we are dropping the program and looking for another avenue of evangelistic outreach that might be within our limited financial means.

Gospel meeting

I preached a gospel meeting series at the Haynes Street Church of Christ in Dayton. The theme was "**Jesus: Our Marvelous, Matchless Lord**"

Article

I contributed an article on "*A Clash About Success*" for a Truth Magazine special edition (June/July) and upcoming workbook on "**A Clash of Cultures**"

Summer series

I spoke on three Wednesday evenings at the Kettering (OH) Church of Christ in what they term their "summer series." My theme was "**Jesus and the Gospel in the Old Testament.**"

My three topics were:

1. "**Moses: A Type of Christ**"
2. "**Jesus: The Lamb of God**" (exploring sacrifices as shadow of Christ)
3. "**The Tabernacle: A Pattern of the Story of Redemption**"

Bowling Green lectures

Karen and I attended the Truth Magazine Lectureship in Bowling Green, KY in late June

Continuing efforts

Monday night class in various homes: This study has 7 members and continues in the *Book of Acts*.

Early Risers' Study at Melodee Restaurant: This 6 a.m. class each Thursday now has about 8 regular attendees and we have been studying *1, 2, 3 John*.

Friday breakfast study: This 6:30 a.m. class involves a few area preachers, elders and others from area churches. We've been studying *Luke*.

Monthly preacher study in Evendale (near Cincinnati):

Knollwood congregation's monthly paper—*The Messenger*: I write one or two articles a month

Classes at the congregation—On Sundays, we're studying from Robert Harkrider's class material on *Daniel*, and on Wednesdays, we're studying *James*, using material I created in house

Weekly bulletin—*The Christian Builder*—This bulletin continues to be published weekly and contains teaching material, as well as a duty roster, news, prayer list and a Bible quiz.

Other publications: I contribute articles to *Truth Magazine*, *Bible Basics* and *Focus Magazine*.

Upcoming

Gospel meetings in 2008

- Our Fall gospel meeting will utilize different speakers from the Dayton area.

Gospel meetings in 2009

- Spring: Simon Harris
- Fall: Steve Brewer

Statistics

Average attendance:	Sunday a.m.	Sunday p.m.
	52	47
Number of members:	53	
Average weekly contribution:	\$1,145	
Total contributions in quarter:	\$14,667	
Bible studies in quarter	19 *	
Visits in quarter (estimate)	16	
Baptisms	0	
Deaths	0	
Moved in	0	
Moved away	0	
Restored	0	*Bible studies were fewer this quarter because I was
Withdrawn from	0	gone on Egypt-Israel trip for two weeks and preaching
Regular visitors	3	elsewhere another two weeks

Our financial support

New Carlisle.....	\$2,500 p/month.....	\$32,500 p/year	(\$625 p/wk)
Douglass Hills, Louisville, KY.....	450	“	
Knollwood, Beavercreek, OH.....	350	“	
Kettering, OH.....	500	“	
Northern Kentucky, Florence, KY.....	150	“	
Trader's Point, Indianapolis, IN.....	300	“	
TOTAL:	\$4,458	\$53,500 p/year	

Sermons preached

April

- 6 On trip to Israel
- 13 On trip to Israel
- 20 Preached at Knollwood congregation in Beavercreek, OH
- 27 **“Servanthood: Challenge of the 21st Century”**
Hovert Kendrick preached this evening while I preached at nearby congregation

May

- 4 **“Lord, Give Me Patience”**
Song and prayer service
- 11 **“Can a Mother Forget?”**
“Are You Growing Spiritually?”
- 18 I was preaching in gospel meeting at Haynes Street congregation in Dayton (OH)
Hovert Kendrick preached in A.M.
Jeremy Miller preached in P.M. **“Being a Christian Today Requires Me to Give up Too Much”**
Jeremy is one of our young, college-aged men. This was his first sermon and it was outstanding. I listened to the CD. I was away preaching.
- 25 **“Showing Reverence Before God”**
“Our Conception of Sin”

June

- 1 **“Why a Christian Can Not Sin”**
Song and prayer service
- 8 **“Christians and the World: A Clash of Cultures”** Part 1
“Christians and the World: A Clash of Cultures” Part 2
- 15 **“Learning to Conquer Fear”**
“The Armor of God”
- 22 **“Walking in the Spirit”**
“The 10 Commandments” Part 1
- 29 **“10 Lepers: A Study in Ingratitude”**
“The 10 Commandments” Part 2

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