

GRANT COUNTY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,

The three months about which I am to report has been three of the busiest months since we began over two years ago!

Attendance for the quarter averaged 39, with the high being 64 on April 12 and the low being 27 on May 10th. The contribution for the quarter was supplemented by several gifts from sources outside the church here for an average of 638.00 with the high being \$1037.00 on June 14 and the low being 242.00 on May 17th.

We started the quarter on Wednesday April 1, by celebrating our two year anniversary! We had Bible study and then gathered for cake, snacks etc. We reminisced about the past two years and thanked the Lord for the way He has prospered and blessed us here!

We had a big day April 12 with 64 present at morning Worship! It was somewhat of a sad day as well. As I reported in the last quarterly report, it was the last day David and Kim Jewell worshipped with us. We presented them with a plaque commemorating their two productive years with us. They are now settled in Gilroy, California and are attending the Central church of Christ in San Jose. But we still miss them terribly.

However, with David and Kim gone some of our other members have stepped up into roles that they had never tried before! It has been a joyful blessing to see them spread their wings and volunteer to take on tasks that would have intimidated them just a few months before. One good example is Thomas and Jamie Mitchell. Thomas has taken over the bus route and Jamie helps anyplace she is needed. Their 14 year old son T.J. presented the lesson on Sunday night May 10. He did a great job and will likely grow up to be a great preacher someday! His father Thomas Mitchell preached his first sermon June 7th. He did a great job as well! Another member Bo Mollett has taken over David's former job of making the announcements and organizing the worship service. We are so proud of these young Christians and their commitment to the work here.

The big news of this quarter is the door knocking campaign and gospel meeting about which most of you have already read. Brother Eddie Lawson and a group of campaigners from God's Family Ministries in Hamilton, AL, began to arrive on May 17. We started knocking doors on Monday the 18th. The gospel meeting started Wednesday May 20th with Eddie doing the preaching and ran through Sunday May 24th. We knocked about 1,500.00 doors and baptized 6 folks during the campaign. Then on follow up studies the members here have taught and baptized 5 more for a total of 11 new Christians so far! We are still working on follow up contacts every day. Most of the new converts are attending regularly.

We are starting a new convert's class on Tuesday evenings to help them assimilate into the Christian life. The campaign was a wonderfully successful soul-winning effort! We are so thankful for all who helped with the campaign. We received special contributions from several of you to offset the considerable expense of such an effort. It was quite a challenge for a congregation of only about 40 members to house the campaigners and feed all those involved three meals a day for 6 days! But, with God's help we did it and it was definitely worth the effort!

June 15-19 was day camp week at the Rolling Hills Bible camp in Mt. Sterling, KY! We made the 148 mile round trip every day that week so that our little ones would get to experience camp. It was a great week. For the first time since we started in 2007 we have campers going for every week except High School week, including two who plan to attend the young adults week in August!

June 24-26 was our Vacation Bible School. We were assisted this year by Brother Blaine Kelly and the group from South Green Street in Glasgow, KY. VBS was great! We averaged 46 over the three night period! We even worked in a trip to the Creation Museum which was great!

With the campaign, gospel meeting, VBS and camp, this has certainly been a busy quarter! I have heard that "idle hands are the devil's workshop". Our hands have definitely not been idle this quarter!

We want to thank all who have been involved in this effort on any level for any length of time! We could not do this work without you! Come up and see us soon. We would love to show you what the Lord has accomplished through all of us working together!

If you come, remember that we have worship service first at 9:30 a.m. Eastern time and then Bible classes at 10:40. Sometimes our visitors from other congregations don't realize this and they miss the worship service and show up just in time for Bible class!

The church is doing great! We thank you all for your continued support. Please keep the Grant County church of Christ in your prayers as we strive to do God's will in the coming years ahead.

Sincerely,

Jerry W. Carmichael