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Romans 5:1 "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:"

We praise the Lord for His wonderful grace and mercy and peace. As the world seems to be in more turmoil every day, people are looking for answers and searching in religion, money, drugs and alcohol - everything that the world has to offer, but they find no answers or the help that they truly need. I praise the Lord for the opportunity to preach on March 30th and thank the Lord for the strength and voice to be able to teach Sunday School as well as preach in the 11:00 service. After the morning service I was sitting on the front row resting when an individual came up and wanted to talk. He had some questions, mostly about terms that we use and questions about salvation. I thank the Lord for giving me the opportunity to open the Scriptures to show what the Bible has to say about salvation. As we went through the Scriptures, he made the statement that it is so simple. I told him it was man who makes it complicated and confusing. He mentioned that he had been searching for a while and came from a Catholic background. It was a privilege to hear him pray and ask God to save his soul and then to pray with him thanking God for saving him. The church family rejoiced with us that he had accepted Christ as his Saviour. The following week he was baptized and has been coming faithfully ever since. He has many questions, and I was able to give him the booklet "First Steps for New Believers" by Pastor Paul Chappell. It is a blessing to see his desire to learn and to see how he looks at things from the biblical side now instead of from a religion's point of view. Please keep this dear brother in prayer as he begins his wonderful, new life in Christ. Please continue to keep the people and the work here in prayer.

The more we see people hurting and struggling these days, the more we seek God for wisdom and guidance to know how to reach more. We desire to not just do the standard things we have always been taught that we should do, but how can we go where they are and reach them where they are in their spiritual journey. There are so many that cannot get out and come to church due to health or other limitations. Several years ago, we had a shut-in ministry, but as all of them moved away or passed into eternity, it has faded away. But God has really been laying on our hearts about starting to do that again. We are seeking wisdom from the Lord and praying that He will lead us to the ones to whom we should approach regarding this much-needed ministry. Please keep this, and us, in your prayers. I am finally getting some good therapy for my vocal chord dysfunction. I still struggle with losing my voice, but Lord willing, I am heading in the right direction. For the past several appointments I have been reading a passage of Scripture aloud as my therapist follows along as I read, and she instructs me where to pause to breathe. She is trying to retrain me in breathing better to keep my voice from giving out so soon. We are also humming to Gospel Bluegrass music through a coffee stirrer. I know it sounds ridiculously, but it works, just as blowing bubbles in a bottle of water with a straw helps tremendously to exercise the vocal chords. She mentioned that when I have improved enough to speak for longer periods of time without losing my voice, she will come to Delta to hear me preach. She gets to hear the Gospel read to her each week and listens to a song about the goodness of God during the therapy sessions. I know things happen for a reason and God brings people into our lives for a reason. It makes us wonder if maybe my voice issues happened to bring us together with this therapist and that she would hear the message of the Gospel. Knowing a little about her background and her lifestyle now, I don't think God has much place in her life. But I think she is open since she does not object to it, for now at least. Praise the Lord for all He has done and is doing.

We appreciate your prayers for our physical needs and our financial needs as well. Nancy and I thank the Lord for all your prayers and faithful support. We do not take it for granted because we know you are very busy and have needs as well. But because of your faithful prayers and your wonderful giving, people are hearing, and souls are being saved, like my voice therapist and the man recently saved at church. They are hearing the truth, and not only being saved, but are growing in Christ as well. Each of you are just as much a part of the work here as Nancy and I are. Your Fellow Servants,

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