



Pat Sheaffer teaching The Life of Christ

Post, TX

As a welcome break from the normal rush of Sunset Area Church, I got to go to Post, TX for one Sunday in September. Chris Johnson, the wonderful AIM Counselor, comes and preaches here once a month. When he does this, he takes a few AIMers with him to promote the program and help with the services. As such, I was honored to be able to lead singing during worship service. The church here was very generous, as we had a potluck meal following worship service, and the members were nice to talk to and were very interested in what we were doing in AIM. Though our time with them was short, I did enjoy their company very much, and I hope to be able to visit again.

Summary

My perception of time since coming here to AIM has been completely thrown out the window. Our first term is already coming to a close, and finals are upon us. It has been a crazy 8 weeks that we have been here so far, and there is still so much more to come. Hearts have been moved, tears have been shed, and as our classes wrap-up, we are all coming away with a lot more knowledge than we have started with. The bonds within are class have grown tremendously, and I'm excited to see where this program takes all of us.

Classes

As the classes for the first term are coming to a close, I find it appropriate to share what I have learned so far.

Bill Tracy has taught me that there are more aspects to God than I realize through The Old Testament Message. He also reminded me that the Old Testament is still relevant and has many lessons to teach us as Christians in the new covenant.

Historical Christian Evidences has taught me the most information that I was unfamiliar with, from non-Biblical records that support the life and resurrection of Jesus as well as how historical events happening during the Bible's time help further prove its credibility.

Gibby has equipped me with many tools to help me study the Bible and further my knowledge of the Word so that I may better understand the message God is trying to communicate with me.

My understanding and connection to Jesus has grown in The Life of Christ. Pat has helped me see more clearly what it is that Christ did for us and how much that He cares.

I have grown so much from these classes, and I can't wait to see what God has planned for me next term.



Prayer Requests

- A classmate's uncle passed away not too long ago, not the same one as last month, so keep him and his family in your prayers.
- A classmate's brother was in a car accident a few weeks ago and some serious complications have recently appeared.
- My class as we continue with our growth and studies that we can stay focused on God and His plan for us.

Upcoming Events

Oct 6-10: Going to Harding's HUT for a unique mission experience

Oct 10-15: Traveling to Paducah, KY to visit the Lone Oak church of Christ

Oct 16-18: Attending the Global Missions Conference in Memphis

Oct 20: Second Term of AIM Begins

Oct 31: Trunk or treat at Sunset



Getting out of the rain in Ruidoso

Mountain View Retreat

During the first week of September, the AIM class had a retreat out at the Mountain View Camp nearby Ruidoso, New Mexico. Since the Sunset area church group was already at Blue Haven, we, as well as Pat Sheaffer, drove out to Mountain View a day ahead of the rest of the class on Sunday night. While we were there, we got to spend some time getting to know each other better as well as Pat by We going out for breakfast the next day and checked out an hiking spot before the rest of the class arrived.

After our other classmates arrived the next day, the retreat took off from there. We had devotionals and singing around a fire at night, took a trip into Ruidoso where everyone got soaked from a flash flood, and went up to hike the same spot my area church did with everyone this time. There was a talent show the last night of the retreat, where I got to perform a poem I wrote that week and also got to see some other sides of my classmates. Overall, this trip was a great experience and really let the class get to know each other a lot better.

Area Church – Sunset church of Christ

My time at Sunset has been a blessing, and getting to know the youth group has been one of the best parts. It took some getting used to with the youth group being about 100 kids, but the more we get to know them the easier it is to talk to them.

Along with the youth group, we have also been having lunch with different members of the church. With how large the church is, this has been a nice way to get to know people we wouldn't normally get the chance to. There are still many people to meet and things to happen here, and I am excited to see what the future holds.

One Chapter Ends, Another Begins

And so ends the second month of my time here in the AIM program. There is still lots more to come, and if it is anything like it has been so far, I cannot wait to see what will happen. I've learned so much and have grown close to so many people in such a short amount of time that I know that this is where I should be and that God is at work here.

Continue to keep me in your prayers as my journey keeps on going. If you would like to hear more about my time, you are welcome to contact me by any means you find convenient for you and also keep up with my blog. God bless you!

**“IN GOD, WHOSE WORD I
PRAISE, IN GOD I TRUST; I
SHALL NOT BE AFRAID...”
PSALM 56:4 (ESV)**



Breakfast with the Sunset area church
in Ruidoso



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The hiking spot nearby Mountain View