

# January Newsletter



*Supper at the Stearsmans'.*

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## Greetings

Hello! Whatever your week holds, I hope it is filled with blessings and reminders of God's goodness in your lives. I know mine certainly has, and I'm excited to share some of the reasons why.

## Mid-Quarter Updated

After some struggles last quarter, this one is going much better! I mentioned last time that I was in the best place I could be, and I stand by that. Friends, students, instructors, staff, and the grace of God have helped me bounce back into a good routine, and with that, I'm really enjoying classes and assignments. I truly have a wonderful family here who wants to see growth and is excited to help.

That's not to say there are no bumps, but those bumps don't seem to bother you as much when you have constant reminders of how much God has done for you. Case-in-point, I had an unfortunate run-in with a curb while driving in the snow, which caused some damage. Somewhat to my surprise, my first reaction wasn't panic but trust that it would be okay, not because I'm anything special, but because every time something seems wrong, God fixes it. How blessed we are to have a God who fixes our problems and puts our minds at ease!

## I Went To The FHU Lectureships... Kind Of

In the middle of every quarter, one week ("research week") is carved out to take a break from classes and focus on getting assignments done. Usually, the policy is that no students are permitted to travel during this time. There are, however, exceptions, such as allowing students to go to lectureships; this is approved on a case-by-case basis. I was approved to attend the Freed-Hardeman University Lectureships, and after purchasing plane tickets three months in advance, found out the lectureship was postponed to next year due to weather. Though a little disappointing, I'm glad to still be here to spend time with family who live on campus and attend the "Spiritual Growth Workshop" (Wed-Fri), which was put together in place of the lectures.

## BV Prayer Request

I want to make a special request that you take some time to pray for the students. I won't list names or details, but there are a few students who are really struggling with loss or difficult and painful situations that they or ones they love are experiencing. God knows who they are, and I believe in the power of your prayers.

## Closing

I've been constantly reminded recently of how little I deserve any of these blessings, but also how thankful I am for them. One of those blessings is my supporters. I understand why one would support a Bible student, but I struggle with "why me?" Why should I be given this wonderful opportunity? All I can say is thank you. Really, thank you. I'm far from perfect, but I care, and I am trying to take full advantage of this opportunity. I pray often that your investment in me and my education is put to good use in the kingdom, and that through your generosity, more and more souls will come to know Christ.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;  
Fools despise wisdom and instruction. (Proverbs 1:7 | NASB 95)