

## The Family of God

This past Sunday was a wonderful day for those of us in the family of God who meet at the Columbus Avenue church of Christ building. As we slowly approach the 89<sup>th</sup> birthday of our congregation, it is still very obvious that we are doing many great things here. I think the question, “Are you guys still meeting down there?” is being answered every week. Although our numbers are low, our enthusiasm remains high.

There are classes being taught for all ages on Sunday morning and Wednesday nights. Paul’s second letter to the Corinthians is the subject matter in the auditorium class on Sunday morning, and in it Paul encourages congregations like ours to understand that, in spite of difficulty, God is still in control and His comfort and guidance will help us to endure. Wednesday night, we look at the Galatian church with its myriad of problems. Paul encourages them to avoid apostasy and come back to do the work of all Christians—to teach the truth to a lost and dying world.

We preach Christ crucified on Sunday mornings and nights—without human wisdom or opinion. We believe that is the only way to remain pleasing to God. All of us want to be told the truth, and it is God’s truth that we so desperately need. It may not always be a “feel good” type of sermon, but it most certainly will always be a sermon that encourages all of us to “DO good.”

It was great to hear the wonderful singing we were involved in this past Sunday. I know there are a number who are not comfortable with our bilingual service, but as an Anglo, I appreciate the enthusiasm of those who sing the songs in Spanish. Our Hispanic congregation is growing, and I believe it is their enthusiasm and greater sense of family that has caused the increase. Omar, with God’s help, has done a tremendous job.

Our dinner on Sunday was well attended, and for those who didn’t attend, you missed out on a real treat. Not only was the food great (and that’s pretty important in my book), the fellowship was even better. The love that exists among the brothers and sisters who attended was evident. A number were not able to attend because of sickness or pressing engagements, but others chose not to come—a mistake in my opinion. Don’t make the same mistake twice. We will have a meal and song service on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Please make plans to attend. Those Wednesday evening singings are wonderful.

To those who are reading this and don’t attend at Columbus Avenue, give us a try. To those who are irregular in their attendance, come home. And to those who meet regularly with the saints at Columbus Avenue, give someone in one of the other two groups a call. Tell them what we have to offer. There is plenty of work to do for God in this place.