



Bolivar Peninsula Church of Christ

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Greetings,

Mary and I pray you are doing well and that your efforts in the Lord's work flourish. We are deeply grateful for your prayers and the consistent financial support you provide for our work on the Texas Gulf Coast. The Bolivar Peninsula church of Christ is a labor of love for us, and it continues to surpass our expectations. We truly are blessed to have you on this journey with us. Thank you so much!

2024 will end soon, and we thank God for all that was accomplished this year. Attendance remained strong, with the customary surge during the summer months. The church members on the peninsula continue to do an impressive job of inviting people and bringing them to Bible classes and worship. Some local folks have even started setting up and conducting Bible studies! I am so proud of their good hearts and hard work! Additionally, we have increased our involvement with churches in Southeast Texas. They must be commended for this because most churches are far from us.

2024 had some definite highlights. We had as many Bible studies as we could handle. Some were scheduled and conducted formally, some were spontaneous and informal, but all were done to win the lost to Christ or restore an erring brother or sister in Christ. A few of these studies resulted in people putting on Christ in immersion, for which we say, "To God be the glory!" Some of the studies concluded with the person without the person being converted but with the promise to examine what was taught. We have not given up on these folks and continue praying they will eventually respond positively. At least up to this point in time, no one has outright said, "Absolutely not," so we will take that as a small victory.

Another highlight of 2024 was an incredibly successful Ladies Retreat (the second in a row). Some ladies from the Brookland church of Christ (Brookland, Arkansas) graciously volunteered their time and other resources and traveled to Crystal Beach to work with our ladies. We are very thankful to them for helping in such a fantastic way! Planning is already underway for the retreat in 2025.

2024 also saw at least four of our members move away from the Bolivar Peninsula to other parts of the country. We miss them very much and pray for them and their work in the communities they have moved to.

On a more personal note, Mary and I have been displaced from our apartment on the peninsula since the beginning of 2024. First, there were issues with the sewer system. I am happy to report that these issues have been resolved; woohoo! In addition, some rats gnawed

through the water pipes in the ceiling and flooded our dwelling at least five times. Consequently, Mary and I have stayed much of this year at our daughter's house in Port Arthur, Texas. As difficult as it makes work, it has the benefit and blessing of spending a LOT of time with six grandchildren. With some serious cleanup still to be done, we can now return to our apartment. Every day is an adventure, and we wouldn't change a minute of it.

We want you to know how much we appreciate all you have done and continue to do to help this work succeed. Thank you very much from me, Mary, and all of the members of the Bolivar Peninsula church of Christ. One more thing: please pray for Mary as to continues to struggle with some severe health issues.

Brotherly,


Tony Pulliam

I am looking forward to being with
all of you for the Gospel meeting
in April. p