



Corinthians 4: 16-18. *So we do not lose heart...*The verse seems to sum up the past year and more very well. It serves as a good reminder going forward.

Updates!

Hello Everyone! I hope the end of August finds you well. Typically, when I sit down to write the newsletter I pick an image that fits what I will write about and go from there.

This month I did things a little backwards. I started to write a name that clicked, with time a-wasting. Then I came across 2

There have been a few changes and moves ahead this summer and we're excited to see where they lead.

We welcomed Jed Cary to the OddDuck Ministries Board. He received his undergrad and Masters at Moody and now serves as pastor for Paw Paw Bible Church with his wife Joella. We look forward to the enthusiasm and knowledge he brings to the table (especially tech support!).

With all of the LDS sites closed and the Nauvoo Pageant cancelled, July looked very different for a lot of us. In past years, Joe and I picked a week of July and camped from Sunday to Sunday at the Nauvoo State Park. Then during the day we'd visit the Nauvoo historic sites hoping to start a conversation or two. In the evenings we would help Mission To Mormons with outreach at the Pageant by passing out witnessing papers at the entrance gate. Thanks to covid that did not happen this year. Which meant, while "stuck at home" we worked on projects around the house. Which was not a bad thing in and of itself. *But* it also meant we were left wondering how to manage outreach and teaching in a time of social distancing. There is talk of a YouTube channel and a website (see below!) which will be helpful. But somehow that doesn't seem to be enough (or quite right?) with our type of ministry. One of the things I like about our in person teaching in the comparison of the Historic Orthodox Faith Tenets with false religion's doctrine is the ability to answer any real time questions folks may have. Which doesn't work on video. Any ideas would be greatly appreciated.

The website is finally in the works! Woo Hoo! I gave up trying on my own and passed it on to Diane's Web Design out of Love's Park, IL (sometimes one just needs to admit their limits). It will have a newsletter tab, a donate button and space for lessons and videos. I'll have a calendar where I can post teaching engagements, upcoming conferences you might be interested in attending or outreach opportunities you would be welcome to join us for.

Having said that, let's add your church to that calendar. Our preference is to teach in a small group setting as it gives people a chance to ask questions or comment. Also, more days and time can be allotted for a small group. We can, however, come to Sunday School and have given a "ministry overview" during a service. We can work with whatever time allowed. Give us a call (815-751-0555) or email (oddduckministries@gmail.com). We would love to plan something for the fall.

Looking forward to whatever God has in store,

Susan and Joe Wolf