# **The Reporter**

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We are starting our third week of Spring 1, 2025. I am teaching seven classes during both 8-week sessions with 86 students registered for these classes so far. Last week when we had one snow day due to an unusual amount of snow for us and frigid temperatures, we were able to continue our classes online.

I want to tell you about one of our religion majors who is a junior in high school. Due to dual credit classes at his high school, he is far ahead of other juniors. He is attending Amarillo College as a sixteenyear old and taking our Bible classes classified as honor classes. This means that he is completing assignments beyond what is required of other students. Last semester he wrote a paper on the canon of the New Testament. In our present class, Introduction to the Old Testament, he is doing research on the book of Esther. In our class this morning, I asked him to give the class a summary of his approach to this study. He related some of the background of this important book of the Old Testament with details that often are omitted when discussing Esther.

This is why I enjoy teaching Bible classes. Occasionally, you have a remarkable student like this one. I look forward to reading his research. I want to keep up with him in the future as he continues his studies in the Scriptures.

## SPRING 2025 CLASSES

RELG 1301-001 Old Testament January 13 - March 7 M/T/W/Th 9:00-10:15 AM

RELG 1301-002 Old Testament January 13 - March 7 M/T/W/Th/F/S Online (Web)

PHIL 1301-001 Intro to Philosophy January 13 - March 7 M/T/W/Th/F/S Online (Web)

PHIL 1304-002 World Religions January 13 - March 7 M/T/W/Th 12:30-1:45 PM

RELG 2301-001 Life of Christ March 17 - May 9 M/T/W/Th 9:00-10:15 AM

RELG 2301-002 Life of Christ March 17 - May 9 M/T/W/Th/F/S Online (Web)

PHIL 1301-002 Intro to Philosophy March 17 - May 9 Tues/Thurs 5:30-8:15 PM

## **INCOME & EXPENSE FOR DECEMBER 2024**

Income		Expense	
Adrian	500	Payroll Expense (plus PR taxes)	8,294
Anna Street	300	Office	713
Bell Avenue	3,000	Utilities	379
Borger	300		
Bushland	100		
Clarendon	25		
Claude	200		
Dalhart	150		
Clovis	1,000		
Colonies	400		
Dalhart	150		
Fritch	50		
Golden Plains	200		
San Jacinto	750		
Sunray	1,000		
Texline	200		
Individuals	175		
Memorials	850		
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 9,200	TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 9,386

**Cash Flow for December: \$-186** 

### Those who Stay by the Stuff (1 Sam. 30:23-25)

After a battle with the Amalekites, two hundred of David's warriors did not want to share the spoils of war with those who did not go to battle with them. David rebuked them saying, "But as his part is that goes down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarries by the stuff; they shall share alike." (1 Sam. 30:24, 25)

David was not establishing some new ordinance or statute in Israel concerning spoils of war. It was in fact a very old statute. See Numbers 31:25-47 and Joshua 22:8. Some of the plunder was given as a contribution to the Lord. It was He who have given them the victory!

In our spiritual battles, some today do not want to acknowledge the good that others do when they "stay by the stuff." Each member of the body has different gifts. (1 Cor. 12:4) The hand should not be made to feel guilty because it cannot do what the eye does. Not every member is an evangelist. Not everyone can be an apostle. (Eph. 4:11, 12) Every member will share alike, whether they go to battle the enemy or whether they "stay by the stuff."