

SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements

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Song Leader

Daniel Allgor

Lord's Supper

Jon Barry Rodney Ellis
Pete Rowland Bill Brittenham

Prayers

Danny Davis Mark Davis

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Bryan Garlock Wendell Mobley

Invitation

Clay Morris

ABOUT US

Elders

Jack Calvert Rodney Ellis

Deacons

Jon Barry Bill Brittenham
Mike Davis Clay Morris

Evangelist

Bryan Garlock

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

Bible Study9:30 A.M.
Worship10:15 A.M.
Worship6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study7:00 P.M.

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GOD'S PLAN FOR SALVATION

Hear the word of truth Romans 10:13-17

Believe the truth..... Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

Repent from all sins Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

Confess the name of Christ ... Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

Be Baptized in His name Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12

Walk in newness of life and **be faithful** unto death Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10

Think On These Things

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THE GOOD OF A GOSPEL MEETING

"Getting Ready"

Tim Stevens

In some congregations, it seems that the most important step in preparing for a gospel meeting is the posting of a meal list for the visiting preacher. We get very concerned if the list is not filled as that can lead to embarrassment. Gospel meetings can become something that we look at as "having" once or twice a year. We may not really be sure why we have them, or what good they accomplish. Sometimes, we make little preparation, set few goals for ourselves, expect little good, and then are left wondering if we should have another one next year or not. There are some things that we ought to consider over the next several days - in "**getting ready**" for our upcoming gospel meeting.

First of all, take some time each day to pray for this gospel meeting. It's hard to imagine anyone more enthusiastic and determined for the Lord than the apostle Paul; and yet he prayed for the spread of the gospel that he was so interested in and

involved. In Ephesians 6:17-20, he wrote: "**And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints — and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.**"

PRAYER IS REAL! 1) Pray for the one who'll bring the lessons, that he might speak boldly the message of the cross of Christ. 2) And don't forget those within our own community, whom you know personally, who are spiritually lost and living in this world without Christ in their lives. Especially remember them as you pray! 3) Pray for yourself by asking God for spiritual strength and the courage to

FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember and check on our shut-ins: **Willie Margaret Mobley, Bob Buls, Bonnie Allgor, Lahron McJunkins, Maxine Burnham, and Francine Davis.** Cards, calls and visits are ALWAYS needed and appreciated.

Please continue to pray, not just for those who have long running health problems, but for all our church family. Go through your directory regularly and pray for each other.

The next **Ladies Bible** Class will be Tuesday, **Apr. 9th**. The morning class will be at **Gladys Winters'** at 11:30 and the evening at **Karen Calvert's** at 6:00.

Please pick up some invite cards and ask for Bible studies. See Bryan if you need any help with home studies.

Our Gospel Meeting:

Singing: March 29th, 7:00 P.M.

Singing Workshop: March 30th

Song Leader Training: 4:00 P.M.

Assembly Training: 5:00 P.M.

Meeting with Tim Stevens

March 31st-April 3rd.

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invite your friends to one or all of these upcoming services. **Pray, pray and pray some more!**

Also, why not sit down today and make a list of these people whom you would like to invite to our meeting. Just look around the neighborhood where you live and the place where you work. Let's face it! We ALL know people and lots of them that could be invited. Hand them one of the "flyers" with the list of sermon topics. Pick up the phone and call them. Even offer to go by their home and pick them up each night. It would be a great way to spend an evening with someone you have come to know and appreciate.

I believe that a little forethought and preparation could help us all achieve some positive results from a most pleasant opportunity. And yes, this upcoming gospel meeting should be considered a wonderful "opportunity"! An "opportunity" to come together as Christians, and hopefully, a coming together with those who are not, so that they, too, can hear the proclamation of the gospel message (*the "good news" of salvation*) that so many of you have already heard and obeyed. Aren't you glad you did? Now, how about those friends of yours? Get in touch with them - NOW!! You'll be so happy you did, and so will they!

Under The Altar or In A Cave?

Bill Brittenham

Rev. 6:15-17 *Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and*

the rich and the strong and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

Rev. 6:9-11 *When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained; and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed also.*

Psalm 27:4 *One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD And to meditate in His temple.*

- We may try to **HIDE** from God and His wrath in a cave, or we can be **HIDDEN** and protected under the altar in His presence.
- In order to dwell in the house of Jehovah, we must go **TO** God instead of waiting for Him to **COME** to us.

John 14:6 *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.*

- We must be sanctified and holy to enter into God's house. Just as with Israel, God's New Testament people must be holy like Him. **Lev. 20:26** *Thus you are to be holy to Me, for I the LORD am holy; and I have set you apart from the peoples to be Mine.*

What are the blessings of dwelling in God's house?

1. Be in the presence of God
2. Be in fellowship
3. Have knowledge
4. Praise Him continually
5. Rejoice with His saved
6. Give service to Him
7. Enjoy His Protection

Psalm 27:5 *For in the day of trouble He will conceal me in His tabernacle; In the secret place of His tent He will hide me; He will lift me up on a rock.*

Psalm 27:6 *And now my head will be lifted up above my enemies around me, And I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD.*

David wanted to "**dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life**". We can dwell in the house of God now in His church) and for all eternity (in Heaven).