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Invitation

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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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Are You Teaching the Gospel?

Bryan Garlock

Before Jesus was to ascend into heaven, He commanded His apostles, and by extension, all His disciples, to “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation” (Mark 16.15).

What is your attitude toward telling others about Jesus? It would seem that some view His teaching as rather insignificant. For example, some Bible students who are quick to acknowledge that Jesus teaches — commands — all to spread the gospel are seemingly slow to act. This was not so of the apostles who spoke because they believed (see 2 Cor. 4.13). Interestingly, there was a video about a world-renowned comedian and atheist who received a Bible from a fan. The atheist was touched in many ways because someone cared enough to give him a Bible. His words ought to humble every professed Christian: *“How much do you have to hate somebody to believe that everlasting life is possible and not tell them that?”* If we fail to speak, we are “hearers

only” of Jesus rather than “doers of the word” (James 1.22).

One of the main reasons that religious error is so prevalent and that denominations flourish is that those with the truth keep the truth to themselves. Take, for instance, some of our denominational friends who tirelessly spread soul-damning error while we relax in the comfort of our homes in front of the television or busy ourselves with sports, shopping, or hobbies. When they knock on the door, some of us run and hide. When they approach us in public, some of us thank them and turn aside. The question is, “Which one is trying to teach his neighbor?”

We often speak of the world suppressing the truth (Rom. 1.18-32), but if we are not spreading the good news, are we not practicing a form of suppression? We believe wholeheartedly that we must go to

FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember and check on our shut-ins: **Bonnie Allgor, Maxine Burnham, W.H. McFerrin, Ann Thomas and Francine Davis.** Cards, calls and visits are ALWAYS needed and appreciated.

Ladies Bible Class: The next class will be on Tuesday, **Jan. 14, 2020.** The new class books are available at the back of the auditorium.

Nancy Rowe Got good results on her tests.

Maxine Burnham has been back in the hospital. When she is released, she will be moving to Waterton Plaza. Please continue to pray earnestly for her.

Chris and **Tara Stinson's** granddaughter, **Layken**, is suffering from RSV.

Wendell Mobley will have a heart cath Jan. 5th.

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR REQUESTS

For the January singing, we would like to ask for **song requests.** You can make your requests on the church's Facebook page, "FDchurch", or give your requests to **Daniel, Bryan, Jack, or Clay.** Please have your requests in by Sunday, Dec. 22nd so we can make the list and divide them between the leaders.

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

worship and partake of the Lord's Supper but one will not find us knocking on doors, talking to friends and co-workers, or taking advantage of opportunities to ask for Bible studies.

Why is that? It must be a heart problem. When one's heart is in love with God, his heart will be mindful of his neighbor — which is everyone — and their spiritual conditions. To help us examine our hearts and determine if we need to correct ourselves, notice four great hindrances to spreading the gospel: some Christians do not feel an obligation, some are not ready, some are ashamed and some are just too busy. If one falls into any of these categories, it would do him well to be reminded of his redemption from sins, his duty to grow spiritually, the power within the gospel and his responsibility to seek first the kingdom. These four reminders will eliminate the aforementioned hindrances.

Furthermore, many refuse to obey Jesus in that they shift their responsibilities to the preacher. These folks have the mindset that says, "We have a paid preacher for that!" While none would wish to be caught saying such (though some have been), actions speak louder than words. It seems we typically like to shift our responsibilities to others. Surely we have not conditioned ourselves to believe that if we have a preacher that our work is now fulfilled vicariously through him? Are we to interpret every passage in the New Testament that teaches one to spread the gospel, visit the sick, keep up with every visitor, teach house-to-house, and see to the erring as referring only to preachers?

Every person who calls upon the name of the Lord is bound to do all the above and

more. Furthermore, a local church supporting their preacher does not negate the members' spiritual obligations to the lost. Jesus calls all disciples to make disciples. And if one who does not do this claims to be a disciple of Jesus, His Savior responds, "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you?" (Luke 6.46).

All too often we shout, "Make disciples" and yet instead of "bringing in the sheaves" as we sing, we shift our responsibilities to others and/or we keep the gospel to ourselves because we fail to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3.18; cf. 1.3-11). Let us not succumb to the devil's attempts to thwart our abilities and opportunities to evangelize. Instead, let us seek every opportunity to mention Jesus to someone. BG

Why NOT Christmas?

Only two of the Gospels about Jesus record His birth. Was His birth not that important? Luke alone gives us some evidence of the year of Jesus' birth but is completely silent as to the month or day. Surely such an earth changing event as the birth of God's Messiah should have more details. But then we do not find any evidence from God in the rest of the New Testament of any of the apostles or other Christians ever celebrating our Savior's royal birth. Does it make any sense why His Father would bring His only Son into the world with the announcements of angels and the visit from the magi and not want His children to remember the blessed event? What could be the

possible reason this great event is given so few words in the Bible?

As important as the birth of the Savior was, another even more significant event occurs at the end of Jesus life. Jesus is crucified, buried and rises back to life on the third day. Why is this part of our Master's life so much more important than His birth? While it is obvious that Jesus could not have been put to death for our sins had He not been born, His sacrifice on Calvary was the whole focus of not only His life, but the entire Bible and God's plan for man's redemption. Jesus' death is the conclusion to thousands of years of planning which we first see promised in Gen. 3. Jesus died for the forgiveness of all mankind's sins. And He was resurrected to be the Firstfruits and hope and promise of our own resurrection.

So, you see, that is why our Father wants us to remember and celebrate Jesus' death, burial and resurrection EVERY first day of the week instead of a yearly remembrance of His birth. The Bible gives us all the details we need for this weekly observance of the most significant and important event in all of earth's history.

Bill

Here is the schedule while Bryan is away for the holidays:

Sunday Preaching the 25th:

Clay Morris – AM

Bill Brittenham – PM

Adult Classes on the 25th and 29th

Bill Brittenham

Subjects:

Wed: *10 of the Most Important Historical events in the OT*

Sun: *10 of the Most Important Historical Events in the NT*