

THE BEACON OF TRUTH

April 22, 2018

“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” John 17:17

Our Gospel Meeting

Kevin Cauley

Today we are privileged to start a gospel meeting. Let us not take this opportunity to study God’s word lightly. Let us not take this opportunity to have fellowship with one another less than seriously. Let us not take this time to be evangelistic with any less zeal than we would the most important event in our life. The gospel of Jesus Christ will be proclaimed this week! It is a time for us to rejoice, invite, reflect, and show our love for God and for one another.

Gospel Meetings are too often looked at today as relics of days gone by. Many disparagingly say that the gospel meeting is not what it once was. And as long as this is our attitude toward it, then it will be exactly that. Do we get excited about studying God’s word. Do we delight in the preaching and teaching of the gospel? Our attitude makes a great difference when planning for and attending a gospel meeting. All good works start with good attitudes. All works that are destined for failure involve at one point or another attitudes that consign those works to failure. Let’s resolve in our hearts and our minds to have the proper attitude toward this gospel meeting and let everyone know that we appreciate and love the gospel!

Gospel meetings are times when we can work to evangelize our community. There are souls who are in need of the gospel of Christ right here in this city and county. They need the truth of God’s word or they will be lost. Do we believe this? Many times we invite our affluent friends and family members and they do not come because of their self satisfaction. Do we remember the words of Jesus? Go out into the highways and byways and invite the poor, the mame, the sick, and the blind! All need to come and hear the gospel. Let’s not limit our invitation to those who we think are “good prospects,” but invite all to hear the good news proclaimed.

Gospel meetings are a time to show that we love God more than anything. Yes we all have earthly concerns with which we must deal on a daily basis. Yes we each have responsibilities at work, bills to pay, property to maintain, and many different concerns with which we are forced to deal on a daily basis. But we also recognize that things that are truly important are things that we WILL take time to do. Are our efforts in the kingdom of God any less important than these other things? They are, in fact, the most important efforts that we can make on the face of the earth. Do we believe Matthew 6:33 when it comes to the yearly gospel meeting? Let us seek first God’s kingdom this week as we MAKE the time to come and (continued on page 2)

By the Numbers:

Week of 4/15/18

Contribution – \$2938

Attendance:

Sunday School – 27

Sunday Worship* – 46

Wednesday Night – 37

*Total for the day

Bible Trivia Question



Last Week’s Answer: A publican [tax collector] (Mat. 10:3)

Q: How many rivers originated from the one river in the garden of Eden?

Answer to be given next week!

Sermon Spotlight

Today we are privileged to have Brother Tommy Hicks speak on the subject: “Where Will You Be in 1000 Years?”

Please plan to be with us today through Wednesday night!

Schedule Of Services

Sunday
Bible Study 9:45 A.M.
Worship 10:30 A.M. & 2:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible study 7:00 P.M.

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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED

1. Hear the Gospel (Jn. 20:30-31; Rom. 10:17).
2. Believe (Rom. 1:16; Acts 18:8; Heb. 11:6).
3. Repent (Lk. 13:3; 24:47; Acts 3:19; 17:30).
4. Confess Christ (Matt. 10:32, 33).
5. Be baptized (immersed) (Matt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16).
6. Continue faithful unto death (Rev. 2:10).

Mailing Address

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NEWS AND NOTES
TO OUR GUESTS—A WARM WELCOME

Thank you for coming today and please come back soon and often. If you have questions about the church of Christ, what is taught here, or the way we do anything please feel free to ask. Please fill out the Guest Register on the table in the foyer so we may have a record of your visit.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Dewey Young — Margie Tippen — Pete Varner — Buster Keeton — Ruth Coston — L. C. Lewis — Regina Simmons — Wendy Traweek — Lisa Morris — Mildred Allhands — Marcia Green — Judy May

OTHER THINGS & UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Today is the day! We are excited to begin our Gospel Meeting with Brother Tommy Hicks! Please give a warm welcome to Brother Tommy and Sister Sue!
- Monthly Fellowship Meal Today — Join us for a potluck meal immediately after our morning service!
- Door Knocking — Many thanks to all who helped us knock doors this weekend! May God get the glory for our efforts!
- Youth & Young Adults — We will have a get together after the afternoon service today. Food and a movie! See Chase for details!

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hear the gospel preached.

Yes, our gospel meeting is a time for zeal, fellowship, evangelism, and love for God. As we read in Hebrews 10:19-25: “Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”

Note: We appreciate all of the hard work that has gone into this Gospel Meeting! All of the doors knocked, the flyers passed out, the friends & family invited have certainly taken effort! But the effort is not done! Please continue to support this effort throughout this week. We will all benefit from it!

With love, Chase

A Word of Rebuke
Chase Green

Yes, you read that right! No, nobody is in trouble! This article is a follow-up article to the article I wrote last week, “A Word of Encouragement.”

Nobody enjoys being rebuked. In fact, it is something that most people dread. But that doesn’t take away from the fact that, from time to time, rebuking is necessary. That’s not to say though that we should just constantly rebuke people without balancing that out with its counterparts, exhortation, and rebuke’s first cousin, reproof. It takes ALL THREE in order to fulfill Paul’s command in 2 Timothy 4:2.

What does it mean when we say “rebuke?” According to Strong’s, the word “rebuke” means “to tax upon, that is, censure or admonish; by implication forbid: - (straitly) charge, rebuke.” In other words, rebuking is something that has to be done when someone tells a lie, does something not approved of God, or says something inappropriate. Thus, a false teacher needs to be rebuked (by elders, preachers, and Christians). An alien sinner needs to be rebuked. A wayward Christian needs rebuke too!

Sadly, in many places, rebuke is a dirty word. In such places, it is very unpopular and even discouraged to rebuke sin. Why is that? The Bible teaches that some people simply do not want to hear it, as we say (see Zec. 7:11; 2 Tim. 4:3-4). Yet, just because people don’t want to hear the Truth does not remove our obligation to preach it anyways (read through the books of the prophets some time and this message is loud and clear)!

With that said, nowhere in the Bible do we read that our rebuke is to be in the absence of love. Quite the opposite is true, actually. Yes, Jesus and the apostles had to rebuke people quite often, but if you read their writings, it becomes clear that they had tremendous love for those they rebuked (read the book of 1 Corinthians for a good example of this).

Brethren, I love you. When those hard sermons come, when I must fulfill my obligation to “preach the word” and “reprove, rebuke, (and) exhort,” never forget the love behind it. I pray that all will forever know the love of Christ seen through me. I pray they’ll see the same in you as well!

With love, Chase

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

“And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”

Genesis 3:15

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