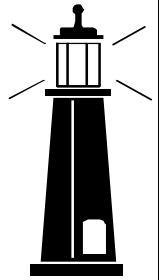


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"Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105)



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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 get to enjoy fellowship with one another. I love my Christian family and I want to be with them as much as I can. We should view our Christian family with no less love than we would our own earthly families. We recognize the importance of spending time with our earthly families. Do we recognize the importance of spending time with our spiritual families? Our gospel meeting is a time to do exactly that and to show forth the love that we have for one another.

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 lame, 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 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."

Staying Awake

Tom L. Childers

A man went to the doctor to get some advice on how to stop snoring. The doctor asked him "Does your snoring disturb your wife?" "Does it disturb my wife?" he said, "Man, it disturbs the whole congregation."

There is no denying it - people go to sleep in worship services. Eutychus probably was not the first, and he certainly was not the last (Acts 20:9). It is always a challenge to stay interested in the sermon and stay awake.

Different methods have been devised to keep people awake. Many years ago, the Puritans used a long stick to punch any sleepy member. Some today think banging on the pulpit or a hollering preacher will keep people awake. One preacher threw a songbook at a sleeping elder. Sitting beside a wide-awake spouse has kept many a husband from nodding and snoring. Still people go to sleep.

One thing I have found that keeps me awake and interested in the sermon is to take notes. Assuming a person plans to stay awake and they want to hear the sermon, a Bible and a note pad works every time. A person might get sleepy because it is too cool; the preacher is too dry; they have not had enough sleep or they are on medication but it will be harder go to sleep in services if they take notes.

One of my prize possessions is more than 30 stenographer's note pads of sermon notes I have taken since 1971. I have notes on hundreds of sermons of outstanding preachers in the brotherhood, and some of them are no longer living. When I preached the church in Olive Branch, Mississippi, one of the members took notes in shorthand of each sermon. In over 500 sermons (5 years of preaching), not once did she ever go to sleep. If you are fighting to stay awake in services and usually end up on the losing end, why not try a note pad?

There is a time to sleep and a time to stay awake. May the Lord bless our efforts to stay wide-awake in every worship service.

Times of Worship and Study

Sunday Morning Bible Class:.....9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship:.....10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00 PM
Ladies Bible Class:.....10:30 AM
Wed. Evening Bible Class: 7:00 PM

Kevin's Korner



Our gospel meeting starts today as you may have noticed from the front page. Brother John Stuckey is with us and we are glad to have him present this week to hear the word of God preached. Brother Stuckey is well known in these areas due to his role in education over in the Green Forest school district of past years. We hope that many in the community will come out and hear him preach the gospel this week.

It has been a good week for me as well. After the elders and deacons meeting a few weeks ago, the elders authorized us to get a new web site provider and so we have moved our web site to another location. As I have been mentioning in the bulletins, we now have audio sermons on the web. I try to post my sermon outlines, bulletin articles, and the recorded audio sermons there as soon as I can so that the material will be fresh. We have been getting a lot of traffic lately on the web site and for that we are thankful because there are souls who are interested in the truth. If you have not seen the web site, then take an opportunity to visit it this week. The address is <http://www.the-churchofchrist.com>.

We had a degree of cool weather this past week. The heater in our house took a small setback and we had to get a computer board replaced in it. The heater repair guy came out and really took care of us in that regard. One good thing about the cool weather is that it gives one an excuse to eat Mexican food and chili! At least, that's what I always use the cold weather to do. I suppose that winter is just around the corner for us now that fall is here. The leaves on the trees across the street are starting to turn colors and in a few weeks the foliage will be in full color for the fall. It is a beautiful time of the year and we are thankful to God that he blesses us with such beauty each and every day.

"Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness. They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills rejoice on every side." (Psalm 65:11, 12).

Elders: Clay Bozarth, Leon Duncan, Bruce Foster, Bill Fort, Glenn Quigley
Deacons: Ken Smith, Brent Stevens, Rusty Windle.
Preacher: Kevin Cauley 870-423-6707

The Conquerors

Charles Ross Weede

Jesus and Alexander died at thirty-three,
One lived and died for self; One died for you and me.
The Greek died on a throne; the Jew died on a cross;
One's life a triumph seemed; the other but a loss.

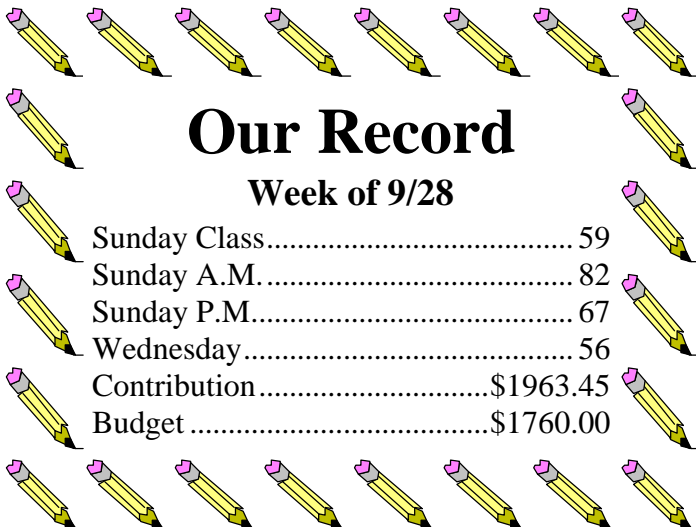
One led vast armies forth; the other walked alone,
One shed a whole world's blood; the other gave His own.
One won the world in life and lost it all in death;
The other lost His life to win the whole world's faith.

Jesus and Alexander died at thirty-three,
One died in Babylon, and One on Calvary.
One gained all for himself; and One himself He gave.
One conquered every throne; the other every grave.

The one made himself a god, Our God made himself less.
The one lived but to blast, the other but to bless.
When died the Greek, forever fell the throne of swords;
But Jesus died to live, forever Lord of Lords.

Jesus and Alexander died at thirty-three,
The Greek made men slaves, The Jew made men free.
One built a throne on blood; the other built on love.
The one was born of earth; the other from above.

One won all of this earth, to lose all earth and heaven.
The other gave up all, that all to Him be given.
The Greek forever died; the Jew forever lives.
He loses all who gets, and wins all things who gives.



Our Record

Week of 9/28

Sunday Class.....	59
Sunday A.M.....	82
Sunday P.M.....	67
Wednesday.....	56
Contribution.....	\$1963.45
Budget.....	\$1760.00

The New Christian, and His Study

by Bill Jackson (deceased)

The babe in Christ, not accustomed to study but now needing to begin a routine of study, sometimes asks concerning a procedure. We will here make a suggestion or two. For him, and for all, we would strongly suggest (1) DAILY study, and (2) If at all possible, and for the sake of developing a good habit along this line, ABOUT THE SAME TIME DAILY. That is, some have morning time, and others, time in the evening. Whenever, establish a routine that you will keep, and one that will hurt your conscience terribly if you miss it!

We then would suggest that (3), you study WITH PEN IN HAND, and make notes of some other study of words, expressions, verses, etc. that will be needed by you. Then, (4), have some STUDY AIDS available - Bible dictionaries, encyclopedias, concordances, etc. that will help you in that further study.

More directly to the point on WHAT to study, and if one has just entered into Christ and is not all that familiar with the Bible, we suggest these, in order:

One of the gospel accounts, and we suggest MARK. One can see the Lord, in his word and his work, and gain an appreciation for the sacrifice made for mankind.

Next, we recommend a study of ACTS. Here, one can see the establishment of the church, and then the life and work of the church as the apostles carried out the commission given to them.

Then, a study of epistles having to do with Christian living, and we suggest PHILIPPIANS, I & II THESSALONIANS, etc. Following that, then I CORINTHIANS, to see how some brethren falter in their service.

Perhaps these thoughts can aid one just now beginning a study program.

Sunday's Sermons

For 10/5

Morning.....John Stuckey
Scripture..... TBA
Evening.....John Stuckey
Scripture..... TBA

News, Notes and Prayer List



- Please remember the following in your prayers: Michael Collins, William Craig, Bill Fort, Curtis and Opal Hull, Preston Jones, and Alexa, the Fort's granddaughter. Katie Williams will have surgery on her knee October 14th.
- Edith Mischler is in the nursing home in Eureka Springs.
- Art Roberts and Mary Patterson are confined to their homes.
- Our gospel meeting begins today! Let's be sure to invite others all week!
- Tonight our youth devotional will be here at the church building. The Elliott's will be hosting. Please bring food that goes with fried chicken.
- Our monthly questions and answers session is next Sunday night. If you have a Bible question that you would like Kevin to address, please put it in the box in his office.
- This coming Saturday will be our monthly men's breakfast. Let's all make our plans to attend.
- Ladies don't forget October 10th is your night out! Please meet at Pizza Hut at 4:00 PM for the festivities.
- If you are interested in going to Costa Rica, please see Bill Fort. We are planning a mission trip to be conducted very soon and we need to get all participants ready!
- The latest Truth for Today commentaries are in the back. If you would like to have one the cost is \$28.50 per book. Please add it to your contribution and mark it on your check.
- The church in Branson is hosting a gospel meeting with Walter Buchanan the 5th through the 11th. They are located at College and 7th streets.
- The Pantry Item for this week is cake frosting.



Those to Serve

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Sunday Morning:	October 5th, 2003	October 12th, 2003
Song Leader:	Larry Elliott	Brent Stevens
Preacher:	John Stuckey	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	George Eddings	Bill Fort
Scripture:	Clyde Atchley	Perry Foster
Lord's Table:	Clay Bozarth	Leon Duncan
	Glenn Quigley	Glenn Williams
(assist)	Brent Moore	Brandon Foster
	Ray Duncan	Sandy Nieves
Closing Prayer	Ken Smith	Brent Stevens
Sunday Night:		
Songs:	Clay Bozarth	Bruce Foster
Preacher:	John Stuckey	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Rusty Windle	Glenn Williams
Scripture:	Dale Pinkley	Sandy Nieves
Lord's Table:	Brent Stevens	Dale Pinkley
	Larry Elliott	Perry Foster
Closing Prayer	Bob Moore	Matt Bassing
Wednesday		
Songs:	Hugh Atchley	Glenn Quigley
Opening Prayer:	John Gass	Dale Pinkley
Invitation:	John Stuckey	Rusty Windle
Closing Prayer:	Ray Duncan	Brandon Foster
Monthly Assignments		
Announcements	Matt Bassing	
Worship Coordinator	Ken Smith	
Communion Prep	Pam Pinkley	Debbie Smith
Communion Carry	Leon Duncan	Ray Duncan

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