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Fall Gospel Meeting October 12-15, 2008 Elizabethtown Church of Christ Elizabethtown, KY

Sermon Topics:

- 9:30 AM Sunday - "Hindrances to Church Growth"
- 10:30 AM Sunday - "Preaching Christ Crucified"
- 6:00 PM Sunday - "Fathers are Parents, Too"
- 7:00 PM Monday - "The Right View of the Church"
- 7:00 PM Tuesday - "The Right View of Salvation"
- 7:00 PM Wednesday - "God's Pattern for Husbands and Wives"

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A New Testament Christian

Authorities in the field of evangelism in churches of Christ for some time have realized that there is a problem in convincing Christians to follow through with the teaching responsibility given to them by the Lord. Dr. Leon Estep in his dissertation relating to fear and motivation noted, "Church leaders know the frustration of asking Christians to cooperate in the work of the church and meeting indifference. Leaders often experience disappointment after training Christians to serve, just to find them passive and unmotivated (Estep, 2000, p 3).

Even a select study of religious material written by those in churches of Christ shows that members are taught that evangelism is essential to their own souls salvation and is a vital part of God's plan to build the church:

- 1) Dr. Bill Patterson founding editor of *The Christian Bible Teacher* in his work *Search for True Discipleship in Church History* notes:
"Faithful Christian disciples are His only assurance that His saving gospel will be carried to all mankind. And this plan is to continue until Jesus comes to receive His church-kingdom into heaven." (Patterson, 1988, p. 2)
- 2) J. W. Nicks, longtime missionary to Africa and instructor of missions in various schools tied to the churches of Christ, noted in the sixteenth annual East Tennessee School of Preaching and Missions lectureship book entitled *Revive Us Again*:
"We must take seriously the command of Jesus to 'go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation.' It is essential that every member of the body realize the vital role the church has in fulfilling this charge." (Nicks, 1990, p. 142)
- 3) Don Humphrey in his work *Hearts on Fire* stated:
"Saving the lost was Jesus Christ's first priority. To the people critical of His association with Zacchaeus, Jesus explained His interest by saying, 'For the Son of Man came to seek and save that which was lost.'" (Humphrey, 1990, p. 21).
- 4) Hugo McCord, in an article written for the *Spiritual Sword* periodical, wrote of one who was saved by baptism as never being the same again. McCord wrote:
"Everlastingly grateful, he (the new convert) describes to all who will hear the excellencies of him who called him out of darkness into his marvelous light. He exclaims that Jesus loved me and gave himself for me, yet not for him alone, but for the whole world. (McCord, 1994 October, p. 3).

Despite all the above instruction which is only a scintilla of the material teaching the necessity of evangelism in the life of a Christian, still it is apparent from the writings of many within the churches of Christ that a problem does exist in the area of evangelism. Dan Jenkins in an article for *The Spiritual Sword* in January of 1990 described what a first century Christian might find different about the Church today. Jenkins wrote:

There is one difference he would notice in most congregations, however, and that is the absence of evangelism. Generally speaking we are identical in doctrine, in worship, in organization, and in moral teaching to the first century church. Our greatest need is to restore to the church the fervor for lost souls that was in the hearts of early Christians. (Jenkins, 1990, p. 39)

What about you? Are you like the first century Christians?

John F. Board
Elizabethtown, KY

News and Notes

DYRENA WHITE underwent emergency surgery Tuesday night at Norton's Hospital in Louisville. She is currently in Unit 4K Bed 12 and the family requests no visits at this time. **POLLY WEICHT**, Harry Stull's 90 year old aunt, has been diagnosed with cancer of the kidney.

MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Betty Addington	Kent Lane
Neil Burden	J Martin
Elonda Crafton	Carl Mercer
Dana Fox	Tom Morgan
Joyce Fulkerson	Adrian Price (Ukraine)
Howard Gardner	Marie Rose
Bernard Gillim	Grace Speer
Faye Guess	Barbara Underwood
Nellie Hart	Lonnie Underwood
Roy Johnson	Dorotha Weaver
David Keister	Lawrence Wells

Let us continue to remember the following military personnel in our prayers: Dave Fulbright, Robert E. Wooten, Justin Gardner, Kelly Leverett, George Edwards, Joe Betterton, Myles Brothers, Dale Martin, Terry Turner, Cameron Ponder, Brett Fleming, Mike Chandler, Nathan McClain, Willie Mitchell, Ronald O'Bryant, Roni Reed, Hector Meza

Additional Prayer List: Jan Allen, Weita Anderson, K.C. Avery, Delsie Axton, Bill Bigelow, Christa Bradley, Gloria Brown, Grace Brown, Sue Cantrell, Owen Carter, Joyce Cecil, Michael Clymer, Lillian Coleman, Betty Davis, Sydney Dover, David Fant, Berna Jean Goff, Royce Goodman, Priscilla Gratton, Renee Green, Terry Griffin, Don Hatcher, Louie Hodge, Rose Johnson, Mike Lane, Michelle Lawson, Lina Lee, Bruce LeFevre, Jennifer Martin, Gayle Massey, Erman McClaskey, Lucinda McCune, Terri McDonald, Susan Moller, Julie Murphy, Lynn Parsons, Chris Paul, Joe & John Pawley, Ann Peters, Joe & Patsy Richter, Roge-Ge-Neal Smith, Florence Stull, Patsy Taylor, Juanita Tillery, Laura Walker, Kevin Weaver, Kendell Whisenant, Nora Wilkins, Sondra Woosley

Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 9/21/08 Canned vegetables

Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to Zola Pence and her family in the death of her uncle, J. R. Raymer. Mr. Raymer's funeral was held Saturday in Indiana.

We also express our sympathy to Trey Clark in the death of his grandfather, Edward Causey, who passed away early Tuesday morning. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Sermon Topics, Sunday, September 21

AM: Pleasing God, Proverbs 3:5-10

PM: None of Self and All of Thee, Matthew 19:16-22

Gospel Broadcasting Network

A petition is in the lobby that you are asked to sign for Brandenburg Telecom asking them to add GBN to their current lineup of channels. GBN programming is high quality, Bible based, and offers a good variety of programs ranging from preaching, Bible classes, interviews, counseling, Bible Q & A, children's programming, and marriage helps 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Your assistance is greatly needed and appreciated.

Thank You

Thanks so much for the prayers, flowers, visits and food during my recent hospital stay and recovery. I thank God for my church family and the love and help you give me.

In Christian Love, Barb Underwood

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **YOUTH DEVOTIONAL**, Sunday night, **September 21**, at the McClaskey home.
- **5TH GRADE & UNDER COOKOUT/HAYRIDE**, Saturday, **September 27**, at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Allen & Mary Woodring. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board for food items to bring.
- **SINGING AT ATRIA**, Sunday, **September 28**, at 3:00 p.m.
- **ELDERS/DEACONS/PREACHERS MEETING**, Sunday afternoon, **September 28**, in Room 10.
- **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY GET-TOGETHER**, Sunday night, **September 28**, in the South Wing. CSG #3 & CSG #4 will host.
- **FALL GOSPEL MEETING, October 12-15**, with Winford Claiborne of Fayetteville, Tennessee
- **LADIES RETREAT, October 24-25** at White Mills Camp. Cost is \$25. Renita Archey from Cleveland, TN will be the speaker. Topic: Stress Management for Women. Sign up sheets and information packet are on the table in the lobby.

OUR RECORD FOR

September 14, 2008

Sunday Bible Study	133
Sunday Morning Assembly	195
Sunday Evening Assembly	129
Wednesday Bible Study	145
Ladies Bible Class	No class
Contribution (Budget -- \$6,309)	\$6,434

**Elder/Coordinator for September
Mike Pence**

Bible Question

This Week's Bible Question: What, in the dream of a Midianite soldier, tumbled into the Midianites camp and flattened a tent?

Last Week's Bible Question: According to the wise man, what substance affects man like the bite of a snake? The correct answer is wine, Proverbs 23:32. Rick Eiler, Mary Walker, Betty Bray, Bloria Taylor, Joyce Pack, Edna Ashlock, and Kay Thomason correctly answered the question.

Please write down your answer and give it to Ray, put it in the box outside the church office before next Wednesday or email your answer to ray.pack@kvnet.org by Tuesday afternoon. Please include the Scripture reference and your name.

Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Bible Classes	9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship	10:30 A.M.
Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class	10:30 A.M.
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Wednesday

Evening Bible Class	7:00 P.M.
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Daily Bible Reading Schedule

1. Ezekiel 48; Daniel 1:1-2:30
2. Daniel 2:31-4:27
3. Daniel 4:28-7:12
4. Daniel 7:13-11:13
5. Daniel 11:14-12:13; Hosea 1-3
6. Hosea 4-9
7. Hosea 10-14; Joel 1:1-2:17

Sept. 21 — Youth Dev'o, McClaskeys
Sept. 27 — 5th Grade & Under Cookout/Hayride
Sept. 28 — Singing at Atria
Sept. 28 — Elders/Deacons/Preachers Meeting
Sept. 28 — Birthday/Anniversary Get-together
Oct. 12-15 — Gospel Meeting w/Winford Claiborne
Oct. 24-25 — Ladies Retreat
Oct. 31 — Fall Get-together, Muncys

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