



Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM

Worship 10:30 AM

Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 1:30 PM

7:00 PM

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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place. (1 Thessalonians 1:8)

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The Evangelistic Gospel Meeting

From Nov. 5 through Nov. 7th, I conducted a local gospel meeting at the Greenmount Road congregation in Belleville. The meeting has been well attended and some potential Bible studies may result from the cooperative work.

Gospel meetings are still effective ways in which to reach the lost. Most of our gospel meetings today focus on members of the church, but the gospel meeting can be used as a medium to help lost souls come to the knowledge of the truth. What are some ways in which gospel meetings can help accomplish this?

First, the meeting must be designed to be evangelistic. As a whole, most meetings have lost their evangelistic fervor because non-Christians are not being invited to the meetings or the meeting's focus has been the local members. Members of the local body do need to be edified through the word, which happens each first day of the week, but it is rare for non-members to have the opportunity to hear the soul, saving gospel. If emphasis was placed on making meetings more evangelistic, members would have ample time to target potential prospects.

Second, the visiting evangelist should know the purpose of the gospel meeting. If the emphasis is evangelism, the visiting evangelist should be made aware of that. He could have a theme centered around the subject of salvation and coordinating sermons. Members are more likely to invite friends to hear the visiting evangelist if the focus of the meeting is evangelistic.

Third, at the beginning of each year, the local church needs to know the upcoming meeting will focus on evangelism. In that way, excitement can be generated concerning the meeting. It could be that a

member is studying the Bible with an individual during the year and it has been difficult for the individual to make a decision to surrender their life to Christ. A well, organized evangelistic sermon could be the motivation they need to walk down the aisle to obey the gospel.

The gospel meeting has not lost its power nor appeal. If proper planning with the visiting evangelist can take place, gospel meetings can be used as very effective tools to help the lost find Jesus Christ. It is another opportunity to plant and water the seed so that God could provide the spiritual increase. - K.A. Pugh

I always thought Mary was a master at making it through a cold, snowy, wintery day when the children were home from school. They could be days of fighting, crying, crabbing and more. Yet, for Mary, it was usually a day of baking cookies, playing games, making snow ice cream, crafts, and other projects. She could always seem to make the best of the situation.

As Christians, we should realize that no matter what, we are winners. Paul wrote how he could learn to be content in most any situation with the help of our Lord (Philippians 4:11-13).

The fear of the LORD leads to life, and whoever has it rests satisfied; he will not be visited by harm.
Prov 19:23 ESV

Jesus came that we might have abundant lives (John 10:10). Live this week with that in mind and make the best of it with His help. TLM

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