



**Schedule of Services**

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM  
 Worship 10:30 AM  
 Worship 5:00 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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# Gospel Meeting Spiritual Benefits

Sunday begins our gospel meeting, and I hope you are excited about the opportunity to hear the word of God presented by brother John Grubb. Brother Grubb has labored on the battlefield for many years, with much of the time serving as a missionary to China. I pray each of us will do all we can to support this effort.

A gospel meeting is the perfect time to invite that friend or loved one who you have had conversations with about the Lord, but have not had the opportunity to study. It is a time when they can come and hear about the love of God and how they need to respond to His love. Through casual conversation, the seed of God's word may have been planted and attending the meeting may be a perfect time to water the seed.

A gospel meeting is the perfect time to invite that friend or loved one who you may have studied with, but they have not decided to obey the gospel. Maybe through the course of the series, something from the word of God may resonate with them and cause them to respond. Your prior studies planted the seed, maybe attending the meeting will complete the watering process. Who knows, even the pleading of the saints during the invitation song can cause people respond to the gospel message.

A gospel meeting is the perfect time for the batteries of Christians to be recharged. As children of God, we become discouraged and despondent. The only recourse Christians have to overcome discouragement is the word of God. Maybe something will be said to renew our courage. Something might be proclaimed that helps us to hang on a little longer and strengthen our faith. Whenever God's word is proclaimed, it can build us up and give us an inheritance among them that are sanctified (Acts 20:32).

A gospel meeting is the perfect time for us as local members, to encourage the visiting preacher. No one

really knows what type of issues a preacher is having at the local congregation from which they came or from the mission field. Just like every Christian, the preacher needs encouragement and edification as well. A gospel meeting is a time when we can let servants of God know that there are people who are still eager to hear the proclaimed word of God. It is a time for us to let him know how much we appreciate him taking time from his busy routine to come and help us build up the local body. We can encourage him by being eager to attend, listen, and implement the words proclaimed from the Lord's pulpit.

A gospel meeting can have so many benefits for everyone involved. Make plans to be at every service, so we all can enjoy the spiritual benefits of our meeting –  
 K.A. Pugh

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A thought to consider: What would your life be like if your health and prosperity was on par with your spiritual life? Would you be satisfied?

*Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul. 3 John 2 ESV*

Paraphrasing Jesus, if you seek God and His Kingdom first, everything else will fall into place (Matthew 6:33). Seek Him today. Work toward prosperity of soul. Study. Pray. Grow in love.

Have a blessed day.

--TLM