



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

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Worship	9:30 AM
Bible Study	10:30 AM
Worship	6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study	1:30 PM
Bible Study	7:00 PM

Bible Call

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HELP IS NEEDED

As was announced Sunday, your help is needed.

To summarize the past, the elders set a goal in 2008 for us to reach fifty thousand homes in five years with the gospel through literature distribution. It took most of the year to get organized, but with the help of Kelvin Pugh the last half of the year, we got a good start in 2008. Last year we did quite well, but we will have to extend out time period one year. Since July, 2008, literature has been distributed into ten thousand four hundred fifty-six homes. During that time, Kelvin and others knocked on over nine hundred doors. Those efforts resulted in some visitors and quite a few enrolled in correspondence courses. Some of those are still studying through correspondence. Many of those contacts were followed up on by Kelvin, and we are still following up on others.

With Kelvin's departure at the first of the year, our plans have not changed, but we had to reorganize our procedures. We began that reorganization process in December, 2009. I am now very excited about our evangelistic plans for the year and by what has already taken place.

We have developed some of our own materials that have been printed. Many people have been counting out and stuffing the distribution bags. Vicki Luna has done a great job of organizing that. We finally have everything about ready for carrying out our plan for the year.

Mike Duckworth, Gloria Hartmann, John Simon, Ryan Weaver, and James Wyant have accepted the responsibility of distributing literature to at least two thousand homes each during the year. They will be working in Edwardsville, Maryville & Glen Carbon, Collinsville, northern O'Fallon, and Caseyville & Hollywood Heights. They need people

who can walk from door to door in those areas to hang the packets on door knobs.

Ray Gill and Bill Ritzel have accepted responsibility for the more targeted approach near our building. They will be responsible for at least five hundred homes each within the areas that receive the House to House mailings. Those are mailed six times during the year. They are being asked to distribute three different packets of information to their assigned homes during the year. They, too, need people who can walk from door to door in those areas to hang the packets on door knobs. In addition, they are being asked to coordinate teams to knock on the doors of those one thousand plus homes offering various aids to Bible study, such as correspondence courses, DVDs, and personal home Bible studies. In this, we are merely trying to do develop contacts. These two people need volunteers who are willing to knock on doors and talk to people, encouraging them to study their Bibles in their homes.

If you are willing to help in either of these two areas, please sign the appropriate list posted on the News 'N Notes bulletin board.

Eventually, as contacts are developed, we will need the help of others. Those of you are willing to set up and conduct Bible studies will be needed. Those teams will revisit those contacts that are being developed with the intent of setting up and conducting home Bible studies.

Whether or not you can and are willing to help in one of these areas, your help is needed. As many of you already are doing, you can help in the preparation of distribution packets. You can also keep all of this in your regular prayers.

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Congratulations!

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THE SPIRITUAL DIET

Many people are concerned about dieting. It is amazing how the diet industry has become a lucrative empire. There are so many diet products on the market and they all claim to assist in weight loss and a healthy lifestyle. Just to name a few, there is the “No Carbohydrate Diet”, the “Dial-A-Meal” plan, the “Jenny Craig” program, the “Phase One” diet, the “Red Cabbage Stew” diet, and many others. It is wise to be concerned about our physical health and our physical condition, but it is more important to be concerned with the health of our souls. Are we properly feeding our souls?

The Bible has given us the best diet plan for our spiritual souls. If we would follow its plan and eat those things which it has specified, our souls would be in excellent shape and would be fit and trim for heaven. What should we “eat” to have a healthy soul?

MEAT

Jesus’ disciples on one occasion wanted him to eat. Jesus told them, “My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work” (John 4:34). To nourish our souls, we need to have a healthy helping of meat. Our meat should also be to do the will of the Father. Obedience to God’s Word promotes growth for the soul.

BREAD

Bread is one of the foods we like to have with every meal. Jesus said, “For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world” (John 6:33). He then says, “I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst (John 6:35). We need to have a daily helping of Jesus Christ. In other words, we must feast on the words which Christ has left for us in his word. It is our sustaining bread.

WATER

Water is a necessity of life. Without it, most life on the planet would not survive. Jesus was talking with a Samaritan woman and told her, “But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life” (John 4:14). The water that Jesus offers springs into eternal life and it quenches the thirst forever.

MILK

Milk is usually associated with babies and children because they need to drink milk to promote strong bones and teeth. The analogy is used in Hebrews of a babe desiring the sincere milk of the word so the babe can

grow (1 Peter 2:2) Just as milk provides growth to a baby, the Word of God promotes growth in Christians. Several helpings of milk or God’s Word is necessary for Christians to make the souls strong and secure.

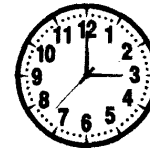
HONEY

Most diets will try to eliminate desserts and sweet items. The Psalmist proclaimed, “How sweet are thy words unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth” (Psalm 119:103). In this case, having extra dessert will not hinder but it will help with the growth of your soul.

We need to feast on the Word of God daily to promote good health for our spiritual souls. Meat, bread, water, milk, and honey are the items that make up the diet for proper growth. Are you following the Bible’s diet plan and being properly nourished?

- Kelvin Pugh, Midwest church of Christ -

Mabery's Minutes



We will have a visiting speaker Sunday. Many of you will remember Scott Dutton.

He held a gospel meeting for us ten years ago. He was converted here twenty-five years ago. After his conversion, the congregation helped support him while he was in a school of preaching. The congregation later sent a group of workers to Louisiana, where Scott was preaching, to help build a church building. Since Scott was converted twenty-five years ago this month, he wanted to return and preach. He will be preaching Sunday morning. Scott is an example of the fruit of this congregation. Be sure to welcome him Sunday.

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