



*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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CAMPAIGN 2010 – MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA

On Saturday, June 12, nine teens (Emily Amos, Stephen Davis, Katie & Kelsey Lambert, Myrisa Tame, Drew & Emily Waldram, and Kayley & Taylor Wright) and four adults (Mary & Terry Mabery, Ryan Weaver and Jason Wright) departed for Marshalltown, Iowa, about 12:30 p.m. All the luggage, the bedrolls, and the Maberys were in their minivan. Everyone else was in a leased fifteen passenger van. We arrived about 8:30 p.m., unpacked, and got settled into the home of Fred and Dorothy Rhodes. They have a four bedroom quad-level house. Fred is an evangelist working with the Marshalltown church and with a newly planted church in Newton, Iowa, about thirty miles away. The full-time preacher of the Marshalltown church is David Shearer, a native of the area.

The next day, we were joined by Maegan Janes, who also served as a sponsor and was brought up by Ryan Endsley. Ryan could not stay due to classes he was taking. Maegan also stayed with the group at the Rhodes' house.

Marshalltown has a population of more than twenty-five thousand. It is located about fifty miles northeast of Des Moines and is the county seat of Marshall County. The church consists of about twenty-five members with an average attendance for Sunday morning worship of about forty, which includes a few children and some visitors. They have quite a few first generation Christians.

Sunday was a day of worship, fellowship and relaxation. We joined the church for a pot luck dinner and spent the afternoon relaxing before evening worship.

Our routine Monday through Friday was pretty much the same each day. We met at the building at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast. At 9:00 a.m. we would have a devotional, receive instructions and assignments, and begin our morning work. We would return around noon for lunch, and then we would work until 4:00 p.m. Monday evening the Rhodes has a fish fry at their house. The other evenings we ate at the building. Several of the women and men of the congregation worked daily preparing and serving meals. Mary also worked with them daily. In addition, she helped them prepare their bulletin and did laundry one day

for the campaigners. Monday and Tuesday evenings we enjoyed fellowship with the members. Wednesday and Thursday we attended Bible study at Marshalltown and Newton, respectively. I taught the Thursday class at Newton. Friday we packed and prepared for our departure on Saturday. We ended each day with a devotional.

In our daily door knocking, we distributed literature to every door knocked on, whether anyone answered or not. When people answered the door we informed them of the Marshalltown church. They recently rented a different building in the south part of town, so we wanted to introduce them to those in the neighborhood. We gave them literature and invited them to the gospel meeting beginning June 25. Free Bible study materials were offered and our intent was to build interest and develop contacts for further follow-up. I have yet to receive the full results, but based upon one day's work of the two teams in my van, I estimate that we knocked on between fifteen and sixteen hundred doors. Those two teams had ten to twelve good contacts for follow up. Some of those enrolled in Bible study guides and requested DVDs. Our schedule was altered somewhat Friday as we had the opportunity to accompany David Shearer to a nursing home for a period of devotion and singing. Due to a thunder storm, we remained and sang for about an hour and a half.

We were filled with joy as we worked Tuesday due to the baptisms early that morning. Kayley Wright and Emily Amos were baptized about 1:00 a.m. They had been up late talking with Jason and Ryan before making the decision to put Christ on in baptism.

Our campaigners were joined at times by some from Marshalltown. One young man helped daily. The Rhodes helped at times. An older member in his eighties worked two days. Four children also helped some. All our campaigners worked admirably. There was great cooperation and they were outstanding ambassadors for our Lord and for the Collinsville church, working through hot days and some rain.

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WHAT ARE YOU?

1 CORINTHIANS 3

Who are you? If you are a member of the Lord's church, you are "God's temple" (v.16). You are His temple. Thus, you are holy (v.17). What makes the church holy?

You are holy by your **Character** (v.1-5). There is a sound difference between spiritual people and "people of the flesh." Spiritual people will not allow jealousy and strife to dwell within the church. These are the elements of division and will destroy the local church. The Corinthians allowed division to come among them by saying, "I follow Paul" and "I follow Apollos." The character of Christians is holy because they will strive to keep unity and cooperation within the local church. Christ founded the church, and they will not let man dismantle it.

You are holy by your **Charge** (v.6-9). Christians are described as fellow workers who have been given a single mission, to seek and save the lost. This twofold assignment is fulfilled in seeking those outside of the church to save them and keeping the saved, saved. Each Christian as the role of planting and watering that God may give the increase. Remember, "He who plants and he who waters are one" (v.8). Work together for the betterment of souls, not self. We have been given a holy charge.

You are holy by your **Christ** (v.10-15). Christians are a building in which, "no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (v.11). The church is built by the Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 16:16-18). The church of Christ is not built "with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw . . . because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done" (v.12-13). Are there any religious organizations today that are purely built on money making, people pleasing, and entertainment emphasized ministries? The church is holy and different, because it is built and founded upon Christ, "whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Colossians 3:17).

"You are Christ's, and Christ is God's" (v.23). If God is holy, we ought to be holy (1 Peter 1:16). We have been given a holy Character, Charge, and Christ. Let not divisions, laziness, and denial of the true foundation corrupt the people of God.

Robert E. Guinn

CAMPAIGN 2010 CONTINUES

On Saturday, June 19, we departed for Independence, Missouri. The teens had been promised a well-deserved trip to World's of Fun in Kansas City, which they paid for themselves. We worshiped Sunday with the 39th Street church of Christ in Independence. Two of their families provided housing for us while there. Sunday afternoon gave us time for relaxing, a movie, and miniature golf. The group went to Worlds of Fun Monday while Mary and I went to a museum and did some shopping. Mary and I, along with four of the campaigners, attended VBS Monday night at the 39th Street congregation. We arrived back at the Collinsville building Tuesday after a long, hot drive home. The fifteen passenger van had air-conditioning problems, so we stopped a couple of times just to let everyone cool down. Everyone was happy to get home but had a great time.

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