

A Heart For Evangelism

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To Seek & To Save

Evangelistic Opportunities

The next literature distributions will be Saturday May 16th & May 30th at 9:30am.

Interested in door knocking? Kelvin will be door knocking each morning at 9:30am. If you would like to be help, please sign the sign-up sheet on the Evangelism board.

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Anything that we desire to accomplish in life that is worthwhile in purpose requires WORK! Earning a living, building better homes, developing a local congregation all requires work. Man should not be surprised that God commands him to work because our God is a working God.

God works. "And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made..." (Genesis 2:2).

Man works. "And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it" (Genesis 2:15).

Jesus works. "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4).

Elders work. "This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work (1 Timothy 3:1).

Preachers work. "But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry" (2 Timothy 4:5).

All are to work. "Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth" (Ephesians 4:28).

What is the mission of the church? Missions. A New Testament church has soul saving as its top priority. Everything the church does should center around the saving of souls. Generally

the work of the church has been categorized under the following: evangelism, edification, and benevolence. This writer would submit that evangelism is our sole purpose or existing and that edification and benevolence are part of our evangelistic mission. For example, when a preacher preaches an edifying sermon to the congregation is he not helping save the souls of the members of that congregation? When benevolence is extended to one in need, are Christians not trying to win a soul to the Lord. Yes, Christians have an ulterior motive. Paul stated, "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household

Evangelistic Efforts at Collinsville

It is hard to believe that the gospel meeting has come and gone. Thanks to the wonderful efforts of so many, we distributed nearly 7000 invitations through literature distribution, House to House mailings,

and door knocking efforts. We may not have had as many visitors as we would have liked, but we carried out our obligation to scatter the seed of the kingdom. Let us continue to pray for those who have received literature

and those who have received House to House. Pray their hearts will be open to the message of God's Word and an opportunity will be provided to study God's Word with them at some point in time.

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Statistics for April 2009

2253 packets were distributed.

45 calls to the Bible Call System with 93 minutes of access time to lessons.

70 doors were knocked.

27 active Bible Correspondence Courses.

1 ongoing Bible study

Videos on Website

Last week Ray Gill put the first evangelistic video on the Collinsville's website. Robert Guinn and I are recording lessons from the book of Acts. We are studying all of the conversions found in the book of Acts to help non-Christians see the importance of God's plan for salvation. We have three more lessons to complete in order to finalize the series.

It is our goal to use the website as another teaching tool. We will be producing other videos covering several Bible topics. If you have a topic you would like put on the website, let me know and we will try to deal with the topic.

Be sure to tell your friends and neighbors about the lessons that will be appearing on our website.

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of faith" (Galatians 6:10). By taking advantage of the opportunity perhaps a soul can be saved.

Jesus and Soul Saving

Jesus names means savior. Speaking to Joseph, the angel proclaimed concerning Mary, "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). Jesus used every opportunity to help people so that he might be able to save them. "And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith

he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest (Matthew 9:35-38).

On one occasion while Jesus passed through Jericho, a man named Zaccheus, a publican, was interested in seeing and hearing the master teacher. Being short of stature, he climbed up into a Sycamore tree so as to see Jesus. The Lord desired to go to Zaccheus' house. On this occasion the Lord stated his mission. "And Jesus said unto him [Zaccheus], This day is salvation come to this house, forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:9,10).

Realizing what man needs, Jesus invites himself into our lives. Man needs

salvation and that can only be found in the gospel of Christ (Romans 11:16).

Three Primary Passages

Three primary passages should be considered as the church considers its mission "to seek and to save." First consider Jesus and the great commission. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world (Matthew 28:18-20).

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