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Please join us for our

## Gospel Meeting

## How to Be a Good Follower



Sept. 13th -16th

with Stephen Rogers B.A.

Freed-Hardeman College & David Lipscomb College B.A.- Minister at the Washington Ave. church of Christ in Evansville, Indiana– author & missionary Sunday, the 13<sup>th</sup>:

9:45am- "Cultivating the Heart of Jesus"
10:45am- "Members MUST Help Address
The Crisis in the Church"
6pm- "God's Expectations in the
Elder/Member Relationship"
Monday, the 14th:

7pm-"Are You TRULY a Follower of Jesus Christ?"

Tuesday, the 15<sup>th</sup>:
7pm-"Submission to the Will of Christ"
Wednesday, the 16<sup>th</sup>:

7pm-"The Best Followers Discipline Themselves"

AM Bible Classes: "Facing Life's Challenges"
Monday 10am: "When My Health Fails"
Tuesday 10am: "When a Loved One Is Ill"
Wednesday 10am: "Preparing For My Death"

We offer FREE: 4 Bible correspondence course series by mail: an 8 lesson series by Hurt, a 6 lesson series "Acts Of The Apostles" by Pharr, the "Studies In The Bible" 30 lesson series, and the 20 lesson series "Getting To Know Jesus" by Pharr. Let everyone know!

#### The Value of Gospel Meetings

Most congregations plan and conduct at least one or two Gospel meetings during the year. There are those who question the value of such efforts. In the minds of some they are a waste of time. How many times has it been said, "We don't have Gospel meetings like we used to"?

It could be that some Gospel meetings have become nothing more than a tradition. We have them because we have always had them. Unless we understand the value and importance of such efforts, we will not have successful Gospel meetings. Why are Gospel meetings valuable to the work of the local congregation? Gospel meetings are valuable in the:

#### Preaching of the Word of God

We must take advantage of the opportunities to make known the Will of God. The Word must be proclaimed. "Preach the word" (2 Tim. 4:2). "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God" (1 Pet. 4:11). We must preach the Word and Gospel meetings provide such an opportunity.

#### Promoting of the Work of the Church

We have the obligation to "seek and save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). Our main business in the church is to be in the "soul-saving" business. Gospel meetings remind us of the great responsibility we have toward those (1) outside of Christ that need salvation (Rom. 1:16-17; 2 The. 1:7-9) and (2) in Christ members of the church who have become unfaithful, that need to be restored (Jam. 5:19-20).

#### Protecting the Welfare of the Congregation

God desires for His people to be united (John 17:20-21; 1 Cor. 1:10; Eph. 4:1-6; Psa. 133:1). Feuding, fighting, and fussing among the brethren is fatal to the spiritual welfare of any congregation. Gospel meetings encourage brethren to think about others and to work together. Gospel meetings edify us and strengthen us as we hear the Word proclaimed and labor together (1 Cor. 15:58).

#### Preventing of Wandering from the Lord

It is possible for the child of God to become unfaithful to the Lord (1 Cor. 10:12; Gal. 5:4; 6:1, 7-9; Heb. 3:12; Jam. 5:19-20, 1 Pet. 2:20-22). As we grow "in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (2 Pet. 3:18), we are helping ourselves to remain faithful to the Lord. In 2 Peter 1:5-11, we learn that we must "add" and "abound" in the "Christian graces." Why? "To make your calling and election sure; for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall" (1:10). Gospel meetings help to prevent unfaithfulness.

#### **Proving of Our Well-Being**

Gospel meetings help us as Christians to see where we are spiritually. It helps us to check up on our (1) Commitment, (2) Conviction, (3) Courage, and (4) Compassion. In Gospel meetings we demonstrate what is really important to us. Do we pray for our Gospel meetings (Col. 4:2; 1 The. 5:17)? Do we eagerly participate in the promoting of such efforts (1 Cor. 3:9)? When the Gospel meeting begins we will be present for every service (Heb. 10:24-25). Gospel meetings are a test of our faith and faithfulness.

#### Preparing for That Wonderful Place Called Heaven

It is God's desire that we go to Heaven (1 Tim. 2:4). Heaven is a prepared place for those who have prepared themselves (John 14:1-3; Mat. 7:13-14, 21-23). Gospel meetings afford us the opportunity to think even more about Heaven (Col. 3:1-3). As we think about Heaven and hearing the Gospel of Christ being faithfully proclaimed, we are motivated to make sure we are preparing for Heaven according to God's plan. God's plan is the only way (John 14:6; Heb. 5:8-9; John 8:24; Luke 13:3; Mat. 10:32-33; Mark 16:16; Rev. 2:10). Preparing for Heaven is what this life is all about (Phi. 1:21; Ecc. 12:13).

How thankful we should be for Gospel meetings where the Truth is faithfully proclaimed and upheld. Gospel meetings are valuable.

-Author Unknown (submitted by Jerry Sturgill)

## News & Notes



#### <u>Sermons Today</u>

AM– "Give Us A King" PM- "Paul's Finest Hour" Scripture Reading: 2 Tim. 4:16-18

#### <u>Ladies Evening Devotional</u>

This Tuesday, Sept. 8th, Amanda Scott will host this gathering at 6:30pm in her home. This is open to all the ladies of the church.

#### Dates to Remember

Sep 8- Prime-timers- 10am- annex

Sep 8- Ladies Devotional- 6:30p-host:

Amanda Scott

Sep 10- Little School Orientation-7pm

Sep 12- Men's Leadership training- Stephen

Rogers- 4 sessions- lunch provided-RSVP

Sep 13- Potluck luncheon-12pm- annex

Sep 13-16- Gospel Meeting-Stephen Rogers

Sep 17- FBI fall class begins-annex- 7pm

Sep 20 - Elders, Preachers, Deacons Meet-4:30

Sep 20-23- Ceredo church gospel meetingdetails on bulletin board in office

Sep 22- Prime-timers- 10am- annex

Sep 29- Prime-timers- 10am- annex

Oct 3- Audrey Wallace Wedding shower- 1pm

Oct 3- Greasy Ridge Singing & Potluck-6pm

Oct 6- Prime-timers- 10am- annex

Oct 11- Michael Mayo (Thailand)- AM service

Oct 13- Prime-timers- 10am- annex

Oct 13- Ladies Devotional- 6:30p- host: Sherry Sturgill

Oct 18- Elders, Preachers, Deacons Meet-4:30

Oct 20- Prime-timers- 10am- annex

Oct 25 - Trunk O' Treat & chili supper 7pm

Oct 27- Prime-timers- 10am- annex

Nov 1- Bring A Friend Day

Nov 1- Potluck luncheon- 12pm-annex

Nov 3- Prime-timers- 10am- annex

Nov 7- Greasy Ridge Singing & Potluck- 6pm

Nov 10- Prime-timers- 10am- annex

Nov 10- Ladies Devotional- 6:30p- cookie & candy recipe and sample exchange- annex

Nov 15- Elders, Preachers, Deacons Meet-4:30

Nov 17- Prime-timers- 10am- annex

Nov 24- Prime-timers- 10am- annex

#### Condolences

Our deep sympathy goes to Mark Day & family at the loss of his step-father, Glen Page, in Indiana on August 30th. His funeral was Friday, Sept. 4th.

#### <u>Leadership Men's Seminar</u>

Saturday, Sept. 12 at 9am, Stephen Rogers will speak on Leadership in the Church, 4 sessions with lunch provided. Please, RSVP on the fover bulletin board.

#### Potluck Luncheon Next Sunday

Sunday, Sept. 13th following morning worship, we will have a potluck luncheon in the annex. Bring a little extra in your covered dish and/or dessert for our guests. Please, bring a soft drink to share.

#### Gospel Meeting

Sept. 13-16, Stephen Rogers will be conducting our Gospel Meeting. See the bulletin cover for details.

#### FBI Class Begins

On Sept. 17, FBI class begins on 'Leadership in the Church.' Classes will be Thursdays through Dec 12. Please, sign up on the foyer board.

#### Save the Date- Wedding Shower

On Saturday, October 3rd, at 1pm in the annex auditorium, you are invited to a wedding shower for Audrey Wallace and Daniel Goshom. They are registered at Target, JC Penney, and Walmart. For details, see Denise Smith, Jennifer Morris, Dottie Phillips, & Allix Smith. The Ironton church will also be involved & invited.

### Gauging Our Faith

	08/30/15	Goal	08/31/14
Bable Study	101	110	78
<b>AM Worship</b>	142	150	130
PM Worship	105	110	87
Mid Week	nc	110	94
Contribution:	\$4953.25	\$5500.00	\$5248.50

## **™Today's Servants** 🗷

#### WELCOME:

AM/PM: Chris Scott

#### SONG LEADER:

AM: Steve Wallace PM: Jeremiah Smith

#### FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Jordan Conley PM: Clyde Hammonds

#### LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Greg Conley

**Assisting:** Bobby Edmonds, Lowell Parsley, Phil Degelia, Tim Hammond, Ernie Perry, Roy Murphy, Don Music

<u>Presiding PM</u>: Brad Morris <u>Assisting</u>: Will Scott

#### CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Matt Vonderheide PM: Edgar Phillips

### > Wednesday Servants &

WELCOME: Greg Hall
SONG LEADER: Dan Stone
PRAYER: Matt Vonderheide
DEVOTIONAL: Mark Parks

## **> Weekly Servants** ⊗

POWER POINT: David Castle BLDG. ATTENDANT: Greg Hall ATTENDANCE: Michael Perry COORDINATOR: Steve Wallace

### Welcome, Visitor!

## We are so pleased to have you as our guest today.

If you are *a first-time visitor* with us, please, fill out a 'visitor card' that you will find on the back of the pew. You may put it in the collection plate or give it to one of the men at the auditorium doors as you exit.

We have tract racks on the wall in the foyer with free tracts and literature. We also have Bible correspondence courses you can sign up to receive by mail at no cost to you. Let our preacher know if you would like to set up an in-home Bible study.

Thank you for attending.



### \*\*\* Youth Notes \*\*\*

## ★Every Sunday★ Pew Packers at 5:45pm-

in the front of the auditorium geared to age 12 & under, but everyone is invited to attend. Boys: have a song ready to lead for the group.

