

OUR GOSPEL MEETING**TODAY through THURSDAY****with Eddie Cooper****Members Expected; Visitors Welcome****The Gospel Meeting**

by Dalton Key

While the term "gospel meeting" is not found as such in the Bible, those items which constitute such a godly endeavor are endorsed throughout. A gospel meeting is simply an assembly or meeting of those interested in hearing the gospel message. This meeting is generally composed of (1) those who have not yet obeyed the gospel message, (2) those who once obeyed the gospel, but have since fallen back into their old way of sin, and (3) those faithful Christians for whom the sweet message of the gospel never grows old. (Notice the imparting of the gospel to aliens in Mark 16:15 and to saints in Romans 1:15 and 1 Cor. 15:1,2).

A gospel meeting should revolve around the gospel of Christ. Paul, while in Troas, held what we would call a short gospel meeting. Acts 20:7 tells us of (1) the disciples coming together, and (2) Paul preaching to them. The substance and subject of Paul's preaching are revealed in 1 Cor. 9:16: "...yea, woe is me if I preach not the gospel." We are further assured of Paul's preaching the gospel of Christ by such passages as 2 Cor. 2:12, "I came to Troas to (preach) Christ's gospel." No other gospel would suffice then, and the same is true today. (Gal. 1: 7,8,9.)

A gospel meeting should contain saints interested enough in spiritual matters to attend. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is." (Heb. 10:25.)

A gospel meeting should be supported by those interested in leading lost souls to Christ. Sinners have no hope but through the gospel. (Rom. 1:16.) All those not obedient to the gospel will remain servants of sin (Rom. 6:16-18; John 8:34), awaiting the vengeance of the Lord upon his return. (2 Thess. 1:7-9.) Those outside of Christ will not obey until they have heard and believed; they can neither hear nor believe until they are either taught personally or brought to a place where such teaching takes place. A gospel meeting provides such an opportunity.

- *The Beacon*, Bellview Church of Christ, Pensacola, FL -

*Let us serve the Lord with gladness
And enthusiastic praise,
Telling all who do not know Him
Of His great and wondrous ways.*

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GOSPEL

**God Offers
Sinful People
Eternal Life**

We can't make Jesus mean anything to others until He means everything to us.

News & Notes

CONGRATULATIONS: To **Brett Thompson** on being inducted into the National Honor Society and the National Technical Honor Society.

COVERED DISH DINNER: TODAY after our morning service. Following the dinner we will have an **afternoon service at 2:00 p.m.** at the church building instead of the usual 5:30 p.m. service.

LADIES DAY MEETING: Today, immediately following our 2:00 p.m. service.

TO HAVE SURGERY: Skip Haught, next Tuesday, April 26th.

GOSPEL MEETING: April 29, 30, May 1 — St. Clair Ave.— **Rico Brown**

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Resumes Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

OUR LADIES DAY: Saturday, May 7th, 9-9:30 a.m. Registration & continental breakfast. 9:45 a.m. Program begins. Lunch provided. Topic: *"Mirror, Mirror On the Wall, Do You See Christ In Me At All?"* Speakers: Elaine McClung & Docie Moore.

PANTRY: Peas.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS: Nicole Stoffer (aunt of Tamara Sprout), Nicole has stage 4 cancer.

SICK & SHUT-IN: At Home: Mary Helen Riley, Melissa Rosohac, Becky McKitrick, Sam Burdine (Willard's brother), Bob Riley, Mike West, Barbara DeLong, David McCoy, Marlene Evans, Russell Martin, Claudette Miller, Cheryl Renfro Walker, Lori Rowand. **Weston, WV:** Rick Beck. **In Texas:** Georgia Hackathorn, 3505 Mayhew Drive, Flower Mound, TX 75028.

FOUR GREAT REASONS TO EVANGELIZE**The Command From Above**

Christ commanded His disciples to preach to all nations (Matthew 28:19). If we are going to honor God's command, we must be busy in trying to reach those who are lost.

The Cry From Beneath

The unnamed rich man of Luke 16 cried out for Abraham to send Lazarus back from the dead to warn his five brothers who were not in any condition to die and meet the Judge of the universe. The lament of the unsaved dead ought to goad us into evangelistic fervor.

The Call From Without

The Apostle Paul saw a vision of an unsaved person praying, "Come over into Macedonia and help us" (Acts 16:9). Unknown persons to us are needing our help in regard to their eternal welfare. Let us heed that call.

The Constraint From Within

"The love of Christ constraineth us" (2 Corinthians 5:14). The only motivating force that lasts is divine love. It is the kind of love that Christians learn to duplicate in their lives.

- Richard L. Jones - (via Hatton Church of Christ, Hatton, AL)