

October 6, 2008

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

October 12, 2008

a.m. *"The Beatitude of Forgiveness"*

Scripture: Psalm 32:1-11

p.m. *"God's Gentleness and Man's Greatness"*

Scripture: Psalm 27:1-14

Gospel Meeting

The time for our gospel meeting is near! For it to be a success, we must realize our responsibility and accept it! What is required for a successful gospel meeting? **Two Purposes**
One purpose is to evangelize. Seeking to help the lost through proclaiming the gospel (Rom 1:14-17). To provide opportunity for friends and neighbors to hear the gospel (Rom 10:17)
Another purpose is to edify. Exhorting one another to love and good works (Heb 10:24-25). To revive our love for the great commission (Matt 28:18-20). To remove any lukewarmness that may have crept in (Rev 3: 15-19).

Keys To Success Which Involves Effort By All:

1. Resolving to attend every service.
2. Resolving to invite others to come.
3. Resolving to be friendly to all who come.
4. Resolving to pray for God to bless this effort.
5. Work as if it depended on me.
6. Pray and depend on God.

Prospects: Who are prospects?

Our meeting is designed to evangelize the unsaved which includes friends, relatives, neighbors; anyone who is not yet obedient to the Lord.

.....Our meeting will be designed to edify every member of this congregation.

.....We should invite (before and during the meeting)

..... One might invite them to a meal and then attend the meeting.

.....Transportation could be offered.

Presence: your presence will make the meeting better.

.....Your presence is edifying, while your absence is noticed!

..... Most meetings enjoy the presence of visitors. We might think our absence is not important, but it is. Empty seats have an affect on those who are present. Morale is impacted and visitors notice members who are not present.

Participation: Arrive early to greet and welcome visitors. Sitting near the front encourages everyone. Stick around afterward, greet the visitors and invite them back. Extend hospitality by inviting them home or to a restaurant for a snack.

Involvement: During the services sing in a spiritual manner with grace in your heart. Give a hearty emphasis to the scriptures by bringing and using your Bible. Help those unacquainted with the Bible to find the place so they can read along with the preacher.

Prayer:

..... Pray before, during, and after the meeting.

..... Pray for laborers.

.....Pray for a life changing effect of the Gospel upon visitors.

With the help of God and you the meeting will accomplish the purposes for which it is intended, glorying God by saving souls and edifying the saved!



Hear Gospel Preacher Robert Dodson

October 26th – 29th

Sunday:

A.M. Class: 9:00 AM “Lord, Increase Our Faith”

A.M. Worship: 10:00 AM “I Am The Resurrection And The Life”

P.M. Worship: 6:00 PM “Dare We Compromise! (Or, Don’t Sit Down With The Bear!)”

Monday Evening: 7:00 PM “Another Sermon On Baptism”

Tuesday Evening: 7:00 PM “The Church Of Christ Is Different”

Wednesday Evening: 7:00 PM “The Rich Man And Lazarus”

FAMILY CARE

A Message from Our Shepherds

I would like to share some thoughts about vain religion as taken from Wayne Jackson’s book entitled “Notes from the Margin of My Bible” Volume I Old Testament.

“It is commonly believed by many that so long as a person is religious—in some generic way—he is well pleasing to God. The notion is popular that man is free to direct his own manner of service to the Creator. And for many, there is little connection between one’s

religious exercises and his daily life. Worship God—then live as you please—is the sentiment of legions.

Amos goes right to the heart of this philosophy when he speaks for God: *I hate, I despise your feast days, and I do not savor your sacred assemblies. Though you offer Me burnt offerings and your grain offerings, I will not accept them, nor will I regard your fattened peace offerings* (Amos 5:21-22).

Insincere worship—worship divorced from justice and righteousness is vain. *But let justice run down like water, and righteousness like a mighty stream* (verse 24). Thus, block off these two verses and in your margin note: *Religious ritualism, detached from godly living, is vain."*

May we all be conscious of how we worship and what we worship and our attitude about worship. This is a serious problem in our society today and it is our job as Christians to uphold the truth as we read about in the scriptures.

~ Jerry

We All Need Somebody

The above caption is a familiar saying to each of us. *We all need somebody!* Children depend upon parents for their needs. God planned the home to where each member would need the other members (Ephesians 6:1-4). When one member fails to fulfill his part, the home begins to disintegrate and fall apart.

Each church member needs the church, and the church needs each church member (1 Corinthians 12). To be out of fellowship with the church is to be out of fellowship with the Lord (1 John 1:5-7). We need the church, Christ's body, for through the church we receive the benefits of the head, Christ (Ephesians 3:14-20).

Our personal work visits are almost without exception to people who need someone. So many people are sick, lonely, and broken-hearted; others are fighting a losing battle with sin as erring children of God; many are drowning in the pollution of sin, not knowing the way of Truth. Our visit is a serious visit; we are dealing with souls. We should take time to comfort or show genuine concern. Why? Because we are dealing with people who need us, and we are there to give what Christ (the Head) has entrusted to us (Hebrews 10:24).

Through personal work, people are able to receive the "touch of the Master's hand." Jesus reached out during His earthly ministry to touch the little children (Matthew 19:13), the sick, the leper, the broken-hearted, and the dead (Luke 9:2). Today, He continues to reach out through His body, the church. Christ is reaching out through you and me to accomplish His will.

Somebody needs us! How are we extending the "touch of the Master's hand"? It is a serious business, brethren! We all need to give this some thought; pray about it; be as serious as we possibly can be about the Father's business.

We are promised that God will not forget our labors, *"For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister"* (Hebrews 6:10).

~ Joe W. Nichols; Central Church of Christ, Bastrop LA

SOWING THE SEED OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IN 2008

Mind of Christ

“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus” (Phil 2:5). Although salvation is free, it is not cheap, since it required the Creator Himself to become man and submit to an agonizing death on the cross (Jn 1:1-17).

This was the mind of Christ! While our salvation is not conditioned on praiseworthy acts of our own, the standard by which we must gauge our lives is nothing less than the life of Jesus Christ.

Our words and deeds are to be compared to His. Our standard of holiness is to be His life of holiness. To love as He loved, to walk as He walked is to follow His example in word and deed (Col 3:17). All this requires that we think as He thought, that every attitude be like His.

The Christian life is preeminently to be characterized by unselfish love that is nothing less than the love of Christ Himself. Attend one of our Bible classes and learn of the mind of Christ.

~ Don Hatch; article to appear in the October 9, 2008 issue of the Dallas Morning News

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

Sunday, October 12, 2008

Front foyer: Stan & Doris Selby; JC & Dessie Ross

Back foyer: Robert & Cathy Taylor

Sunday, October 19, 2008

Front foyer: Ilene Ashworth, Carol Swinney; Grady & BC Fowler

Back foyer: Nancy Pond, Roberta Price

Family News:

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet **Sunday** at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium.

MENS' GATHERING/DEVOTIONAL

The **Monday morning** gathering will meet at 6:00 a.m. in the Annex.

SINGING SESSION

The Sunday afternoon singing session will be held **Sunday** at 5:15 p.m. in room #116.

GOSPEL MEETING SPEAKER

As you know by now, our Gospel Meeting speaker will be Brother Robert Dodson. Please see the bulletin board in the back foyer for a letter from him giving some of his background and what he plans to speak about.

LADIES

Ladies, please plan to meet briefly in room #116 immediately following worship next Sunday, **October 12th** for a preliminary discussion concerning Ladies ½ Day, 2009.

The Sunday afternoon Ladies' Class will meet in room #107 at 4:45 p.m.

The Tuesday morning Ladies' Bible Class will meet on **October 16th** at 9:30 a.m.

PLACED MEMBERSHIP

Leo Townsend placed membership with us Wednesday evening. We're so glad to have you back, Leo!

EARLY VOTING...

...is scheduled for **10/20/08**. Vote **NO** for the Proposition about the "legal sale of beer & wine for off-premise consumption only". Pick up an article about this found in both foyers.

CONGREGATION

We are planning some time this Saturday, **October 11th** to meet at the Annex at 8:30 a.m. to comb the surrounding neighborhoods for a couple of hours, leaving invitation cards about our Gospel Meeting. Hope to see you there!

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Mary Curtis & family** are having struggles & need prayer.
- Billie Gilliam** received 2 injections in her back.
- **Frances LaFerney** still struggles with her back.
- Roy Thomas** has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Mary Lou Tibbetts** is very ill at home.
- Leo Townsend** has also been diagnosed with cancer.
- Shirley Annette** (sister of the Gilliam's daughter-in-law) has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Ray Forbes** (Debra Alonzo's father) suffered a TIA stroke & was taken from Hugo to Durant for treatment.
- Todd Jonas** (Charlene Carroll's grandson) continues to struggle with serious health problems.

• **Willie Lawson** (Shellie Pearce's dad) suffers with bone cancer.

• **Don Morgan's** blockage was only 30%., so he did not need a stint.

Continue to remember those who are recuperating or suffering with long-term illnesses, including: Bob Bingham, Fauna Garrett, Jack & Frances LaFerney, Garldean Latham, Frances Tipton, Thomas West, Brad Anderson (Bill Paschall's friend), Frank Garrett (Fauna's husband), Percy Henry (Hank's brother), Mildred Pennington (the Gilliam's sister-in-law), Wayne Ruyle (Ilene Ashworth's son-in-law), Chelsea Sutton (the Garrison's granddaughter), & our shut-ins.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Be sure and mark your calendar -

- Oct 11: All meet at the Annex at 8:30 a.m. to deliver card invites for meeting
- Oct 12: Singing session in room #116 at 5:15 p.m.
- Oct 12: Sunday afternoon Ladies' Bible Class in room #107 at 4:45 p.m.
- Oct 14: Tuesday morning Ladies' Bible Class in the Annex at 9:30 a.m.
- Oct 26-29: Fall Gospel Meeting, Robert Dodson

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Sunday morning:

- Shellie Pearce

Sunday evening:

- Samantha Harvey

LORD'S TABLE/MORNING

Front Table

- Mike Batot
- Glen Kelly
- Thomas Rathbun
- James Gilliam
- Bill Matthews
- Ty Harvey
- Brandon Howard
- Grady Fowler

Rear Table

- JC Ross
- Robert Taylor
- Max Melton
- Bobby Bowen
- Virgil LaFerney
- Keith Vaughn
- Derrol Allen
- Jeremy Hardegree

SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS

- Dean Webb
- Henry Seidmeyer
- Stan Selby

SCRIPTURE READING

- Jerry Baker
- Psalm 32:1-12

SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS

- Brandon Thomason
- Melvin Armstrong

LORD'S TABLE/EVENING

- Darrell Allen
- Bill Paschall

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

- Ty Harvey

FOR THE RECORD: WEEK ENDING ATTENDANCE & BUDGET

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	93	94	94	125
A.M. Worship	149	163	166	210
P.M. Worship	89	92	94	112
Wed. Class	93	101	95	110
Ladies Bible Class	19	22	20	35
Contribution	\$4358	\$5806	\$5370	\$5400

MISSIONS

21st Century Global Missions

Charlie & Mary DiPalma - India

Roland & Rose Mohsen – France

JB & Ivy Paul – Bitragunta, India

Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine

Glen & KuinTattersall – Australia

Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko - Russia

Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions

Christ's Haven Children's Home - Keller, TX

Foster's Home for Children – Stephenille, TX

Ian & Mabel McPherson – Tasmania Australia

Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web

Ted Lingren - Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia

Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution

Terry & Pam Laurence – Bear Valley School of Preaching

Dennis & Beth Johnson - Chennai Teacher Training School – India