

Upcoming Events

28th Last Saturday in February Meeting: February 23
Special Song Service: Friday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m.
Panera Bread Open Bible Study: Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.
Hebrews class: Thursdays at 11:00

Edification

“Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing” 1 Thessalonians 5:11

“Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds...” Hebrews 10:24

“But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called “Today,” so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.” Hebrews 3:13

February Birthdays

8 Zoie Perales 25 Mike McKnight

February Anniversaries

5 Mike & Morgie McKnight

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Believe it or not...this will be the 28th consecutive year the Indio church has held these meetings! Initially the idea of the late Bill Brown, preacher and elder for the church in Indio for many years, we can say with some confidence that these gatherings have been very successful. The purposes of these special meetings are first of all as an annual event to teach, edify, strengthen our own members; secondly it provides an opportunity to meet and have fellowship with those from around the country. Definitely those purposes have been met. Each of these meetings has involved three preachers who each preach on Saturday and then again on Sunday. Their lessons are focused on a theme established by the local church. We also always have a special song service on the Friday evening preceding the Saturday event; and what an uplifting time! Although the primary emphasis is to edify and motivate our members, all are encouraged to “bring a friend”! Be there!

Thank God for Lectureships

Excerpts from article by Dan Jenkins
(Slight modifications and personalization)

Lectureships are a refreshing time of change from the mundane lives we live. Isn't it so taxing on our spirits when we face the same routine day after day, week after week? Even Jesus saw the necessity for a break from the rigors of life. He told the disciples, *“Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while”* (Mark 6:31). He and the apostles separated themselves from the multitude and were refreshed. Lectureships do this for us!

Lectureships allow us to spend time with brethren. At the recent lectureships, I have had some of the most enjoyable times I could imagine simply by being with my brethren—not just during the

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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lectures but in times between various sessions. I have rejoiced at seeing those I have known in the past, and have grown to love and appreciate the new ones I have met. These men and women are going to be with me in heaven for all eternity. Time with them is a foretaste of heaven!

Lectureships challenge our thinking and rekindle new resolve. It is easy to become complacent and stagnate spiritually. Literally hundreds of hours are spent in preparation of lectures by those who speak, and I gain the benefit of all that time. Jesus described the kingdom being like a householder who brings new and old things out of his storehouse. Lectures remind me of things I have known in the past, and they open new horizons for study.

Lectureships increase faith in a faithless world. I live by faith; I walk by faith; I am saved by faith! But that faith only comes from time I spend hearing the word of God (Romans 10:17). There is little in daily life that allows me time to mediate on the really important things in life. There is almost nothing in the media, the news, TV, radio or movies that produces faith. If my life is filled with that which chokes out spiritual time, then I am dying and may not realize it! Lectureships are some of the most important times when our faith can increase dramatically in such a short time.

Now think about all of this in view of our upcoming lectureship. We are just a week away from the time when every one of us can be refreshed, be with our brethren, be rekindled and increase our faith! Make your plans, now!

Gospel Meetings: Opportunities to Evangelize

by Gene Taylor
(Repeat Article)

"...but speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head -- Christ -- from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share..."

Ephesians 4:15-16

All who are members of this congregation need to be preparing for the upcoming gospel meeting. Each member needs to take

advantage of the opportunities it affords for evangelism. Everyone has to do their part for the meeting to be a success and the cause of the Lord to prosper.

If we work, our efforts will bear fruit. We may not be overwhelmed by what many have termed "visible results" (such things as baptisms, restorations, etc.), those things so many want to gauge the success of a meeting by, but we will be a church after the New Testament order at work the way the Lord wants it to work -- with each member doing his/her part (see 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Eph. 4:15-16).

At all times we ought to be emphasizing our responsibilities to evangelize. In doing so, though, we must realize that one person, or even just a few, cannot be as effective as a whole body of people actively involved in reaching and teaching other people. But gospel meetings provide unique opportunities to show that we are more than just talk when it comes to evangelism but are actually "doers of the word" (James 1:22). They allow us to demonstrate to the Lord and to others that we are willing to be involved in His work.

The personal invitation extended to a friend, relative or acquaintance is still, I believe, the best method for getting people to attend gospel meetings. We can blitz the media using all the modern methods at our disposal but nothing can top the personal "one-to-one" invitation. Since this is the case, then, it makes sense that the more people who issue such invitations, the greater chance for success in having greater numbers attend.

I am sure the meeting preachers are doing their part to make the meeting successful. We have printed hundreds of fliers and sent out announcements to other congregations. The key to real success, though, will be how many us personally invite others. That should not surprise us since the key to success in almost every work that we might be involved in as a church is great individual involvement.

May each of us be totally involved in serving the Lord -- not just for the upcoming meeting but in all aspects of the work of the church.