

Please welcome...

Preaching for us again today, completing our "February" meeting, are **Dave Whilden**, **Leonard White** and **Bob Owen**. Be sure to welcome them back and thank them for such an uplifting, edifying, stimulating, and inspirational meeting! And thank our song leaders, **Lew Barberick** and **Les Cunningham**. How fortunate we have been! *"And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."* Romans 8:28. Praise God!

More thanks...

Special thanks to all those who helped make our 24th annual meeting such a success! God is so good!

March Birthdays

2 Gonzalo Medina 9 Jessica Aguiar
8 Drina Zamarripa 18 Buddy Cashion 30 Barrett Hoffman

March Anniversaries

6 Harold and Dortha Gentry 24 Chuck and Pat Limburg

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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"What does God require..."

The Meeting is Over, Now What?

By Allen Webster

The lessons have been preached, the songs sung, the prayers prayed, the responses recorded, the attendance reported, the visitors greeted, the meals eaten, and the meeting closed. What should we do now?

Continue in the Things Which Thou Hast Learned

(2 Timothy 3:14). The lessons presented were scriptural and therefore demand our hearing and heeding (James 1:22). In order to avoid being hypocritical, we must first live what we learn (Matthew 7:3-5). Let us look back over our notes or listen again to the tapes and meditate upon the truths presented. Each person will be able to find areas in which improvement can be made. Lived lessons last longer.

Visit the Visitors

We should follow up with those who visited, expressing our gratitude for them taking time to be with us. As opportunities present themselves with non-Christian friends, we should ask if there are questions about how the services were conducted or about what the preacher said. If they had not previously been familiar with the Lord's church, they will no doubt be curious about why mechanical music was not used, why no contributions were taken on weeknights, and other questions. This is a good time to set up a study and explain how God expects to be worshipped (John 4:24; Colossians 3:17) and how one may become one of His children (Galatians 3:26-27). This may be a good time to invite them to enroll in a Bible class, especially if they have children.

About eighty percent of those who become Christians first enroll in a Bible class. *"He that winneth souls is wise"* (Proverbs 11:30).

Be Not Weary in Well Doing

(Galatians 6:9). Even though a great deal of effort went into the Gospel Meeting, we must be careful not to let our guard down since it is over. The devil certainly takes no days off (1 Peter 5:8). Let us rekindle our zeal and redouble our efforts to be faithful in life, attendance, and attitude. As opportunities allow, attend area congregations' meetings where sound preaching is found. This is one way to show appreciation for their support of our meeting.

So Walk

By Ron Lamar

When a person goes off to college, he often discovers many talents that had remained hidden through the years. Being exposed to great minds and the uppermost levels of academia seem to have an awakening effect on the latent abilities.

As a freshman at Alabama Christian College back in 1969, I discovered one such gift. As it happened, the bed in my dorm room lay right along the exterior wall. After several months of listening to my fellow students stomp up and down the exterior corridors, I discovered that I could identify people merely by the sound of their footsteps. One day, after telling my roommate about this learned ability, he insisted that it was not possible. So, we engaged in a little research. My roommate stood at the window peering through a slightly parted curtain as I took a strategic position on my bed. Time after time, as sorted stompers and shufflers made their way along the corridor, I was able to identify each one without fail. On one occasion, as two people walked along together past our room, I identified one of them and correctly perceived that the other person was obviously a visitor to the campus as I did not recognize his footfalls. My roommate recognized these two young men as a student and his brother, visiting the campus for the weekend, and yet he was still not impressed. He began to look for holes in the wall or some possible way that a reflection might be tipping me off. Finally, he admitted that my talent was genuine and we concluded that the way someone walks can identify a person as uniquely as their fingerprint. This triumph in higher learning never won us a Pulitzer Prize, but it did help pass the time on a lonely Saturday afternoon.

Life is often referred to as a walk. Those who live the Christian life are said to walk with God. There are so many references in the Bible to this kind of walk that I couldn't possibly refer to them all. The following are just a few examples. Do we walk like any of these?

- *"Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might **walk in newness of life**"* (Romans 6:4).
- *"Let us **walk honestly**, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying"* (Romans 13:13).
- *"**Walk in love**, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma"* (Ephesians 5:2).
- *"**Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord**, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God"* (Colossians 1:10).
- *"Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so **walk in Him**"* (Colossians 2:6).
- *"If we **walk in the Light** as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin"* (1 John 1:7).
- And finally, Micah 6:8, *"He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to **walk humbly with your God?**"*

As surely as I could identify my classmates by the way they walked, God can identify His children by the way we walk. One day, our walk on this earth will be over. Let us live that God may recognize our footsteps as someone who belongs to Him.

Reminder

"He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God?"

Micah 6:8