

## Reminders...

**Gospel Meeting:** Welcome! **David Barnes**

### Read through the Bible in 2016!

(Submitted by Mike McKnight)

Suggested chapters to read so that we might read through the entire Bible during 2016! **This week's "schedule":**

- **Day 277** - Matthew 3; Mark 1; Luke 3 Monday
- **Day 278** -Matthew 4; Luke 4-5; John 1:15-51 Tuesday
- **Day 279** - John 2-4 Wednesday
- **Day 280** - Mark 2 Thursday
- **Day 281** - John 5 Friday
- **Day 282** - Matthew 12:1-21; Mark 3; Luke 6 Saturday
- **Day 283** - Matthew 5-7 Sunday

### October Birthdays

3 Betty Heitmeyer 25 Christina Bruni 28 Allan Brown

#### 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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## Our Gospel Meeting

(Excerpts from Internet post by Kevin Cauley)

Today we are privileged to start a gospel meeting. Let us not take this opportunity to study God's word lightly. Let us not take this opportunity to have fellowship with one another less than seriously. Let us not take this time to be evangelistic with any less zeal than we would the most important event in our life. The gospel of Jesus Christ will be proclaimed this week! It is a time for us to rejoice, invite, reflect, and show our love for God and for one another.

Gospel meetings are a time to show that we love God more than anything. Yes, we all have earthly concerns with which we must deal on a daily basis. Yes, we each have responsibilities at work, bills to pay, property to maintain, and many different concerns with which we are forced to deal on a daily basis. But we also recognize that things that are truly important are things that we WILL take time to do. Are our efforts in the kingdom of God any less important than these other things? They are, in fact, the most important efforts that we can make on the face of the earth. Do we believe Matthew 6:33 when it comes to the yearly gospel meeting? Let us seek first God's kingdom this week as we MAKE the time to come and hear the gospel preached.

Yes, our gospel meeting is a time for zeal, fellowship, evangelism, and love for God. As we read in Hebrews 10:19-25 *"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."*

## The Unique Jesus, Part 2

By Mark Dunagan

### Amazing Attitudes of Jesus

**He was completely devoid of worldly ambition:** When they tried to make Him a worldly king, He refused (*John 6:15*). When a rich ruler came to Him, who could have helped Him advance His cause, He sent him away by imposing upon him a condition that the rich man could not accept (*Mark 10:17-22*).

**He never expressed a doubt on any subject:** He did not admit ignorance of anything; to Him there were no mysteries. He spoke as One who possessed all truth (*Matthew 7:29*). He never appealed to human philosophy or human authority in an attempt to strengthen His arguments. He never apologized for anything He taught and neither He did ever retract any of His statements. The Jewish religious and political parties of the time tested Him with the most complicated questions they could imagine and He answered all such questions with uncomplicated teaching (*Matthew 19,22*).

**He was entirely free of prejudice or hatred:** While surrounded by prevailing prejudices against the Gentiles (*John 4:9*), He treated all kindly and in the religion He established, made Jew and Gentile, slave and free, male and female, equal (*Mark 16:15-16*).

### Amazing Claims of Jesus

**He claimed to be able to forgive sins:** (*Mark 2:1-12; Luke 7:36-50*). On both occasions bystanders raised their eyebrows and asked, ‘Who is this? What blasphemy is this? Who can forgive sins but God only? Their questions were correctly worded. We may forgive the injuries which others do to us; but the sins we commit against God only God Himself can forgive.

**He claimed to be able to bestow spiritual life:** He described Himself as “*the bread of life*”, “*the resurrection and the life*”. He likened His follower’s dependence on Him to the sustenance derived from the vine by its branches (*John 15*). “*And I give eternal life to them*” (*John 10:28*).

**He claimed to be the Judge at the last day:** He will Himself arouse the dead (*John 5:28-29*), and all the nations will be gathered before Him (*Matthew 25:31*). He will sit on the throne of His glory, and the judgment will be committed to Him by the Father (*John 5:22*). He will separate men from one another as a shepherd separates his sheep from his goats. Not only will Jesus be the Judge, but the criterion of the judgment will be men’s attitude to Him as shown in their treatment of His ‘brethren’ (*Matthew 25:40*) or their response to His word (*Matthew 7:21-28; John 12:48*). Those who have acknowledged Him before men He will acknowledge before His Father (*Matthew 10:32-33*), those who have denied Him, He will deny. Indeed, for a man to be excluded from heaven on the last day, it will be enough for Jesus to say, “*I never knew you*” (*Matthew 7:23*)” (*Stott p. 31*).

**He claimed a pre-existence:** What Jew living in that day would have conceived of a pre-existence? (*John 8:58*)

**He claimed that His words would out-last the creation:** (*Matthew 24:35*)

**He accepted worship:** While claiming that only God should be worshipped (*Matthew 4:10*), He accepted worship from many people (*Matthew 8:2; 9:18; John 20:26-29*).

**He predicted both His death and resurrection:** What human being would ever risk the ridicule and exposure that could come from falsely claiming to rise from the dead. In three days, everyone would know whether one had been teaching the truth or error. He has forever given the human race an objective standard for testing all His claims and teachings. The Messiah, the Savior of the world is the One whose tomb is empty! (*Matthew 16:21-23*)

### Think about it

“If I do not know that Jesus of Nazareth rose from the dead, then I know nothing in the history of mankind. If the evidence, when fully examined with a calm willingness to be convinced, does not in this case warrant a practical certainty, then there is no adequate evidence of any historical event.” - John Broadus, *Jesus of Nazareth*, p. 84