

Thank you!
Anthony Johns...Again!
Today's speaker

Gospel Meeting...Starts in Two Weeks!!!
- Randall Jarrell from El Centro -

With the help of God, our meeting will accomplish the purpose for which it is intended: glorying our Lord by the proclaiming of His word and edifying our brothers and sisters in Christ! Let's remember what the apostle Paul said, "*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek*" (Romans 1:14-16). A gospel meeting is one of the greatest opportunities that we have to invite friends and neighbors to hear the truth.

September Birthdays

6 Melinda McCollum 11 Marie Burruss 15 Marcos Perales
16 Jim Burruss 30 Dortha Gentry 30 Kurt Hoffman

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The Necessity of Hearing the Gospel Message of Jesus

By Jeff Arnette

The apostle Paul, in his letter to the Romans, emphasizes the importance of hearing the gospel message of Jesus Christ. In Romans 10:13-17, he outlines the necessity of proclaiming the good news and the profound impact it has on individuals' lives. This passage sheds light on the transformative power of the gospel message and highlights the vital role of hearing it.

The Call to Salvation: Romans 10:13 declares, "*Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*" This verse underscores the inclusivity of God's salvation. It demonstrates that salvation is available to all who genuinely seek and call upon the name of Jesus Christ. However, Paul clarifies that one can only call on the name of the Lord if they have heard of Him.

The Role of Preachers: Paul goes on to ask a series of rhetorical questions in Romans 10:14-15: "*How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent?*" These questions highlight the essential role of preachers and messengers who proclaim the gospel. Through their preaching, they make it possible for others to hear and believe in Jesus.

The Power of Faith: Paul emphasizes that hearing the gospel message is crucial for people to believe in Jesus. Romans 10:17 states, "*So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the*

word of Christ.” The gospel contains the life-transforming power that ignites faith within individuals. It is through the hearing of the message that faith takes root in hearts and lives are changed. Without hearing the gospel, faith cannot be kindled.

The Global Mission: Paul’s words in Romans 10 highlight the universal reach of the gospel message. He emphasizes the importance of taking the good news to all nations and peoples. In a world of diverse cultures and languages, proclaiming the gospel allows people from every background to have the opportunity to hear, believe, and be saved. This underscores the urgency of global missions and evangelism.

Romans 10:13-17 serves as a powerful reminder of the necessity of hearing the gospel message of Jesus. The call to salvation is open to all, but it requires individuals to hear and respond to the good news. The role of preachers and messengers becomes paramount in ensuring that the message reaches those who have not yet heard. Faith, the catalyst for transformation, comes through hearing the word of Christ. Therefore, sharing the gospel is not just an option but a global mission of utmost importance.

As believers, we are called to be active participants in spreading the good news, whether through personal conversations, evangelistic efforts, or supporting missionaries. Let us heed the words of the apostle Paul and embrace our role in making the gospel known to all, so that through hearing, faith may arise, lives may be transformed, and salvation may be experienced by people from every corner of the earth.

Gospel Meeting Preparation

Excerpts from article by Steven Matthews
(Modified for Indio)

A good, successful gospel meeting doesn’t happen by accident. It’s the result of careful, detailed work and planning by everyone — the local church, individual members and families, and the visiting preacher. It’s an investment of time, money and other

resources. But sadly, there are some brethren who have grown weary of gospel meetings. They’re outdated, archaic and a tradition of men, according to the naysayers. The question is even raised if there is really any value in having gospel meetings anymore. For our upcoming meeting, let me suggest four reasons why gospel meetings are valuable.

The value of reaching the lost: There are two types of people described in scripture — those who are lost and those who are saved by the blood of Jesus Christ. In order for a lost sinner to obey the gospel, they must first hear the gospel (Romans 10:17). A gospel meeting provides that opportunity. There are plenty of prospects (John 4:35). Who are they? Friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers, classmates, and even ourselves. We are people of influence; gospel meetings allow us to influence.

The value of worshiping and edifying: It is an opportunity to worship God (Psalms 122:1). As a Christian, I should be excited about any and every opportunity to worship God. It is also an opportunity to edify the brethren, and I can do that by participating. Welcome visitors. Sing in a spirited manner. Those who lead, lead with enthusiasm. Give God the best (Col. 3:16-17, 23). Pay close attention to the sermons.

The value of learning and growing (2 Peter 3:18): Gospel meetings proclaim the word of God. Nothing more, nothing less. It is a spiritual feast. A gospel meeting is an opportunity to fulfill that hunger and thirst (Matthew 5:6). But it’s also an opportunity for self-examination (2 Corinthians 13:5). Maybe I need a shot in the arm or a jumpstart to my spiritual life. Let us prepare our hearts to receive God’s Word (Ezra 7:10).

The value of spiritual over worldly (Matthew 6:33): A gospel meeting is an opportunity to demonstrate our priorities and our attitude toward the gospel. Additionally, it also exposes one’s priorities in life. We prepare for social occasions, but have we placed an equal amount of emphasis to attend our gospel meeting? This is “our” meeting. Let us take ownership of this meeting and make it a priority to be here....and use our influence and make efforts to bring others to hear the gospel.