

THE BELLEVILLE MESSENGER

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Things Needed To Have A Successful Gospel Meeting

The Lord willing, our gospel meeting will begin next Sunday. Knowing that, let's take a look at a few things which are needed in order to make our upcoming meeting successful.

A Proper Attitude

What is your attitude in regard to our upcoming gospel meeting? You see, we live in a time when many congregations today no longer see the benefit in having a gospel meeting. However, if our upcoming gospel meeting is going to be a success, we here at Belleville must possess a proper attitude toward our upcoming meeting. Therefore, we all need to understand the benefits that are provided by a gospel meeting, we need to demonstrate a spirit of gladness (Psalm 100:2; 122:1) toward our upcoming meeting, and we must know that no matter what, our efforts in providing this gospel meeting are not going to be in vain (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Diligent Preparation

Much work and preparation has to be put into having a successful gospel meeting. For instance, there are people to invite, invitations that need to be made and passed out, and our meeting house needs to be cleaned, so as to be presentable when those whom we invite, attend our meeting. Therefore, brethren let's all be doing our share in providing our part (Ephesians 4:16) to the work that

needs to be done in preparation for our upcoming gospel meeting, and never forget, a simple invitation can have a huge impact on the lives of others (John 1:43-46, 4:28-42).

Sound Preaching

If our gospel meeting is going to be a success, the preaching during our meeting must only consist of book, chapter, and verse preaching (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 1 Peter 4:11). You see, the seed of the kingdom is the word of God (Luke 8:11), and seed will not produce, unless it is planted. Therefore, my friend, know that only the gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation for all who believe (Romans 1:16), and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls (James 1:21).

A Proper Motive

We need to examine our motives in all that we do, and our motive and goal for this upcoming gospel meeting must solely be that of seeking to please God and not men (Galatians 1:10-12). Therefore, we must demand that the truth is preached during our meeting, we must uphold and defend the truth (Jude 3), and we must always seek to bring glory to God in all that we do (1 Corinthians 10:31).

An Active Participation of Every Member

In order for our upcoming gospel meeting to be successful, there must be an active participation upon the part of each and every member here at Belleville. Therefore, every member here needs to plan to attend every service of the meeting, and every member needs to seek to fulfill the task of considering one another in order to stir up love and good works (Hebrews 10:24-25). Likewise, every member here needs to be given to hospitality (Romans 12:13) during our meeting, and we all, therefore, need to strive to be kind and friendly to all those who visit during our meeting.

Knowing these things, I now ask, can this congregation here at Belleville count on you to do your part in helping our upcoming gospel meeting be successful?

✍️ Brad Phillips

Has This World Lost Its Mind?

Lately, I've found myself looking at the world around me: Confused. Discouraged. Dumbfounded. Scared. Specifically scared for my boys who have to grow up in it. Thinking, "Has this world lost its mind?" How did we get to the point where something as basic and foundational in creation as gender (male and female) and family structure become so blurred and obscure?

Here's what I've found: The further away we get from the Creator, the further away we get from the very foundation on which the creation itself was built. The further away we get from the light, the darker our minds and therefore our culture will become.

Paul talked about those who, "...although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools... Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie... and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason, God gave them up to vile passions... And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting (Romans 1:21-28).

When we set our minds on this world and our flesh, we are setting ourselves up for failing at the most fundamental level of how we ought to be thinking. We've all been there, done that. We've all been given over to the "futility of our minds," had our "understanding darkened" and our lives showed the consequences of it (Ephesians 4:17-18). That's why God has called us to be transformed by the "renewal of our minds" (Romans 12:2). Instead of focusing on this world and our flesh, He's refocusing our minds on Christ and "seek[ing] those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set[ting our] mind on things above, not on things on the earth..."(Colossians 3:1-2).

✍️ Curtis Cooper

Mark Your Calender

Our Gospel Meeting Is:
September 18-23

Meeting Times:
Sunday: 9:30am, 10:30am, 5pm
Monday-Friday: 7pm

Preacher:
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Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

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