THE BELLEVILLE MESSENGER

September 1 2024 Great Opportunities That Are Provided By Our Gospel Meeting

The Lord willing, our gospel meeting, with James Hahn doing the preaching, will begin next Sunday. So, as our gospel meeting quickly approaches, let us consider some great opportunities that our gospel meeting can provide for us.

Our Gospel Meeting Provides A Great Opportunity For Us To Hear the Word of God Proclaimed.

Our visiting preacher, has been entrusted with the responsibility to boldly, and accurately present the powerful all inspired word of God to us during our gospel meeting (1 Peter 4:11). For, God's word truly is powerful (Romans 1:16; Hebrews 4:12), and not only is God's word powerful, but it is also the source of faith (Romans 10:17). Knowing that, let's all take advantage of the opportunity to invite our family, friends, and neighbors to join us during our gospel meeting, so that they too can hear the powerful word of God proclaimed. For as James informed, the implanted word is able to save souls (James 1:21).

Our Gospel Meeting Provides A Great Opportunity For Us To Encourage and Edify One Another.

In Hebrews 3:13 the Hebrew writer instructed Christians to"exhort one another daily." You see, brethren, we all need to be encouraged and edified daily by one another. For by doing so, as the Hebrew writer declared, we will all be less likely to be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. Knowing that, keep in mind that this gospel meeting will provide us with the opportunity to come together daily throughout the week of September 8-13, to encourage and edify one another. Therefore, let's take advantage of the opportunity to come together daily throughout the week of our meeting, and let us all be mindful of the instruction to consider one another, in order to stir up love and good works (Hebrews 10:24-25).

Our Gospel Meeting Provides A Great Opportunity For Us To Be Refreshed.

The word "refresh" is defined as " to give new strength or energy; to reinvigorate." You see, we live in a very demanding, deadline making world, and the hustle and bustle of everyday life, can and does, take a toll on us. However, this gospel meeting can provide us with the great opportunity to become refreshed after the end of a hard day at work, and believe it or not, we all can become refreshed by hearing the encouraging, comforting, powerful word of God proclaimed, and by lifting up our voices in praise to God as we sing uplifting hymns to Him. Therefore, the word of God can, and will, "revive us again" (Psalm 85:6). So, take advantage of this great opportunity to come to the gospel meeting, and be refreshed.

Our Gospel Meeting Provides A Great Opportunity For Us To Examine Ourselves.

In 2 Corinthians 13:5, Paul instructs Christians to examine themselves. You see, we must make, and take the time, to diligently due some self-examining. Therefore, brethren, let's take the time to take an honest look in the mirror by examining ourselves in the light of God's all inspired word (James 1:21-25). Knowing that, let us all take advantage of the great opportunity provided by our gospel meeting to do some self-examining.

Our Gospel Meeting Provides A Great Opportunity For Us To Grow In The Grace and Knowledge of The Lord.

Another great opportunity provided by our gospel meeting is the opportunity to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18), and the truth is, we all need to strive to grow spiritually. Therefore, may we all possess a desire for the word of God (1 Peter 2:2). For, by possessing this desire, we will be able to effectively grow spiritually. So, why not take advantage of the great opportunity provided by our gospel meeting to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord?

Our Gospel Meeting Provides A Great Opportunity For Us To Show Our Love For The Lord.

In Matthew 22, when Jesus was asked what the great commandment was, He responded with, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37). Simply put, we are to love the Lord, our God, with all that we have. Therefore, always seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33), and sincerely express your love for the Lord daily. Knowing that, think about how our gospel meeting provides us with a great opportunity to express our love for the Lord.

Our Gospel Meeting Provides A Great Opportunity For Us To Glorify God.

Last, but certainly not least, our gospel meeting provides us with the opportunity to glorify our Almighty God. You see, all glory belongs only to God (Philippians 4:20). Therefore, let's always strive to let our light so shine before others so that they can see our good works, and so that we can glorify our Father in heaven (Matthew 5:16). Let's always do all that we do to the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31), and let's take advantage of the great opportunity provided by this gospel meeting to come together to glorify our One True Almighty God.

Brethren, these are just a few examples of some great opportunities that our gospel meeting will provide to us. I hope that we all will make plans to attend every day of our gospel meeting (September 8-13) and that we all will take advantage of the great opportunities that will be provided by our gospel meeting!

⁄ Brad Phillips

Mark Your Calender

Gospel Meeting

September 8-13

Meeting Times:

Sunday at 9:30 am, 10:30 am, 4 pm Monday-Friday at 7 pm

Preacher: James Hahn

"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 1:16).

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