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"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things." Phil. 4:8 (NASB-U)

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SUNDAY
Bible Classes* 10:00 AM
AM Worship 10:45 AM
PM Worship 6:30 PM
WEDNESDAY
Bible Classes* 7:00 PM
(* Bible Classes for All Ages)

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*AM-How Well Do
You Listen
PM-Biblical Illiter-
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ing what we teach and practice,
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The Joy of a Gospel Meeting

By: Timothy R. Henderson

With the end of our meeting, I'm sure many of you feel somewhat like me. A little bit exhausted, from getting out each night, preparing yourself for worship and possibly staying out a little longer than planned. Uplifted, from the week of singing songs of praise to God, and edifying one another with those songs. And also filled with joy as a result of the addition to our spiritual family. I am still elated from Meredith's accepting of the Gospel in humble obedience.

Many of us may have sighed with relief Friday evening, silently thinking to ourselves ... "We'll that's that, we are finished with the meeting, we can go back to our normal lives." But is the Gospel Meeting over? "Why yes Tim, Daniel Ruegg is safely home, the meeting is over." But I can't help but think of the old fashioned term that was used for Gospel Meetings - "Revival". Revival has within its meaning to make alive again. Do we just revive ourselves for a week, or does that revival carry us further. This brings to my mind rechargeable batteries. You put them on the charger to "revive" them. To give them life again, and you don't expect them to be useless when they have been taken off of the charger. No, you expect them to be full of power and

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ready to work. So I ask again, "Is our Gospel Meeting over?" Yes our revival is through, but we have had this opportunity to revive and re-charge our spirits so that we can be about our Father's business of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our meeting should have built up some momentum, the Gospel was preached, the Gospel was received and obeyed, the Lord added to His church, and our local congregation grew. Let's keep this momentum going, let's take our excitement and joy with us into the world and tell everyone the reason for our joy.

I can't help but compare this to watching a movie. What do you do after watching a great movie? You walk out of the theater talking excitedly about it, and when you run into friends later in the week you tell them about the great movie you saw and how they have to see it, and based on your excitement, many will go see it on your recommendation alone. Why are we not that way about the Gospel? Why are we not that way after a Gospel Meeting? Why aren't we leaving the building excitedly talking about the great and wonderful message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Why aren't we speaking of it when we run into friends, telling of the precious message of hope and salvation. It's easy to spot a movie fan or sports fan or music fan ... they talk about it all the time! But do people see or hear how you are a fan of God? A fan of His Word? A fan of Jesus? A fan of His sacrifice? A fan of salvation through His precious blood?

May we all be revived in our spiritual lives and show our excitement and speak of our excitement! Let's keep our momentum going. Let's keep it rolling and continue on in greater service!

"Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary."

Galatians 6:9

Compare Your Religion

By: Dee Bowman

I have many friends who are members of various religious denominations. I do not doubt their sincerity, nor would I question their integrity. However, I believe the very idea of denominationalism to be in violation of the New Testament commands concerning religious unity (1 Corinthians 1:10; Ephesians 4:1-ff). I do not believe that "it makes no difference what you believe, so long as you are honest and sincere," nor do I accept the premise that "it makes no difference which church you choose, just as long as you accept Christ as your personal Saviour." In the first place, the Bible admonishes that the genuineness of all teaching be tried (1 John 3:1-ff), and in the second place, Christ only purchased one church with His blood (Acts 20:28; Ephesians 5:23-25) and to assume that any manmade institution is as acceptable as that one is to presume more than God will allow (2 John 9).

The answer to this huge dilemma is actually in the hands of the individuals who comprise all these religious denominations. The need of the age is for all men everywhere to make a sincere comparison between their religious beliefs and those advanced in the Bible. The Word of God is intended to furnish us with all we need "for doctrine," or what we are to believe (2 Timothy 3:16-17), as well as completely furnishing us with the things God approves for accomplishing "every good work." In fact, "all things which pertain to life and godliness" are revealed in His divine directive (2 Peter 1:3), and it is so complete as to be spoken of as having been "once for all" delivered (Jude 3). It will admit of no alteration, tolerate no change (Galatians 1:6-9) and is "the perfect law of liberty," providing its adherents with sufficient information to plot a plain course from here to eternity (Revelation 2:10).

In view of these facts, all religious people should:

Compare your faith with Bible faith. Nowhere in the Bible is faith spoken of as being “better felt than told.” In fact, faith is shown to require information for its very existence, for “faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17), and is “the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1). The Bible nowhere considers a disobedient faith, except to condemn it (James 2:17-ff). And the Word of God never shows any case where any person was ever saved by faith without obedience. The faith of the Bible was always an active, working faith.

Compare your salvation with Bible salvation. In all nine cases where people were saved in New Testament times (Acts 2-ff), the action was the same: Faith, repentance, baptism was required. But today noted religionists are telling the masses that so long as one will “let Jesus come into your heart” and confess that “I believe that God, for Christ’s sake, has pardoned my sins,” he is saved. By whose authority? Where in all the revelation of God is such a process recommended for salvation? If it is not, it must not have the approval of God. And if it is not approved of God, it is sinful (Revelation 22:18-19; Galatians 1:6-9). Who will you choose to believe, God or man?

Compare your hope with Bible hope. Wouldn’t it be comforting to be able to turn in the Bible and show what you did in order to obey God? Such hope! I fail to see how any person can have the hope of heaven when he has not done all God said in His word. To expect eternal life without the assurance of God’s Word is to entertain a false hope, for hope must be predicated on the assurances of God (Rom. 4:18-21). We have sufficient information to know when God is pleased (1 John 2:3-6; 3:19-21), and only when our beliefs and actions plumb with His Word can we reasonably expect His approval.

People, let us not be deceived. Let us find book, chapter and verse for our beliefs. Let us find Bible precedent for our actions. Let us have unity on this basis.

Too Much Rain

By: David Riggs

“I was talking with a farmer about his soybean and corn crops. Rain had been abundant, and the results were evident. However, his comment surprised me. He said, ‘My crops are especially vulnerable. Even a short drought could have a devastating effect.’



‘Why?’ I asked. He explained, ‘Though we see the frequent rains as a benefit, during that time the plants are not required to push roots deeper in search of water. The roots remain near the surface. A drought would find the plants unprepared and quickly kill them.’” (From Neal Orchard)

Likewise, some Christians receive abundant blessings, fellowship, and teaching. However, when hardship, tribulation, or persecution enters their lives, they suddenly quit the Lord. Their roots have never pushed below the surface. Only roots that are deeply grounded in the Lord will endure in times of drought in our lives.

“...Yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles.”

(Matthew 13:21)

Those Serving This Week

Sunday AM

Class Prayer	Matt Ferrell
Announcements	Chuck Isinghood
Song Leader	Harold Marshall
Scripture	Ezekiel 23:33-49
Reader	Nathan Marshall
Prayer	Earl Miller
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Lord's Supper	
Bread	Ken Prager
Fruit of the Vine	Ed Roberts
Serve	Blake Headen
Serve	Dan Marton
Closing Prayer	Don Coen, Jr.

Please inform the one in charge of announcements if you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities.

Sunday PM

Announcements	Chuck Isinghood
Song Leader	Ken Prager
Scripture	Ezekiel 24:1-13
Reader	Blake Headen
1st Prayer	Ed Roberts
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Communion	Harold Marshall
Closing Prayer	Matt Ferrell

Wednesday

Announcements	Chuck Isinghood
Class Prayer	Harold Marshall
Song Leader	Dan Marton
Invitation	Tim Henderson
Closing Prayer	Ken Prager

News N Notes

Please continue to remember these in your prayers:

Recovering:

- Ann Rudolph
- Cary Lancaster
- Terry Smith
- Mary Jane Myers
- Joyce Coen
- Marie Roberts

Prayer Requests:

- Zeda Goddard's sons, Dallas and Terry
- Frank Miller, Dorothy Lancaster's brother, was diagnosed with prostate cancer and is currently taking radiation treatments
- Rick Miller, Dorothy Lancaster's nephew, was diagnosed with colon cancer, and will be having surgery October 16th.
- Jimmy Roberts, Ed & Marie's son
- Lucille Harless, Dave Harless' mother
- Blake Headen, Alberta's husband, as he continues to deal with cancer treatments.
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother
- Blake Swanson, Dorothy Lancaster's grandson
- Bud and Merl Frey
- Tammy Garrison, Zeda Goddard's daughter
- Ila Marshall, Harold Marshall's mother
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father

Don't forget our Shut-ins

Nursing Home:

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

At Home:

- Josephine Clow
- Mabel Fleming
- Pauline Midcap