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SPREADING THE GOSPEL THIS MONTH

We are excited to have two great opportunities to spread the gospel this month! The Brooke County fair will take place this weekend and our gospel meeting with brother Larry Ping begins September 20th. Both of these events are great ways for us to be active in helping the powerful message of salvation in Christ reach lost souls around us. What can you do to help make both of these outreach efforts a success? Can you help talk to people and hand out information at the booth at the fair? Do you have any family members, friends or co-workers you can invite to attend the meeting? There is plenty of work for all of us

to become engaged in, and the great thing is with all of us working together, the potential for success in converting souls to the Lord is even that much higher!

"Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully," 2 Cor. 9:6. Sometimes we need some help and motivation to see how much our own individual personal involvement is needed in this work. Will you consider a few motivational thoughts to inspire and encourage you to see how much your time and effort truly makes a difference?

Consider the fact that as much as the Lord wishes He

could personally speak to every man, woman and child in Wellsburg of the great news of salvation and the Kingdom of Heaven, He is presently at the right hand of the throne of God doing the work of interceding for the sins of all us believers (Rom. 8:34; 1 Jn. 2:1-2). It is up to us to get the message out, and Jesus is waiting on the willing hands of His disciples to bring the good news of the gospel to lost sinners. *"And He was saying to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest,'"* Lk. 10:2.

Considering what sacrifices the Lord's hands went through for us, having them nailed to a cross where the suffering Lamb of God could shed his blood in agony for our redemption, isn't the least our hands can do is fill them with information to pass along to the ones He died for?

In the parable of the rich man and Lazarus we learn how terrified the rich man

becomes of the thought of any of his brothers ending up in torment as he did.

"And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, that you send him to my father's house — for I have five brothers — in order that he may warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment,'" Lk. 16:27-28. I can't imagine how painfully terrified it must be for those who have died and awoken in torment to know they have living close relatives who are on the way there and there is nothing they can do to warn them. The deceased mothers, fathers, grandparents, brothers and sisters of those alive today who are suffering in agony in the eternal flame would beg, plead, and shout for us to go warn their loved ones not to follow them there. The parable of Luke reveals to us that in many ways the deceased lost souls in agony perhaps have the greatest zeal for personal evangelism and yet there is nothing they can do to spread the word. Isn't the least we can do is attempt to reach those alive

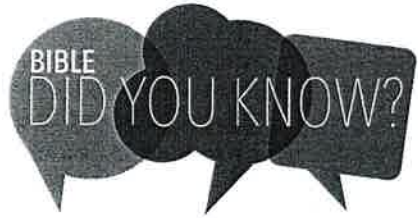
today whose lost suffering relatives in torment cannot?

Perhaps any thought of speaking one on one to a complete stranger about the gospel is a bit daunting and intimidating. That's understandable as it takes time to step out of our comfort zones and develop the courage and confidence to involve ourselves more directly in personal evangelism. All the more reason to spend time around those who do, as you can lend your much needed moral support by helping out at the booth at the fair or praying for opportunities for open doors to be available for those who are looking to invite others to the meeting. Moses had a great job to do in holding up the staff of God to allow Israel to defeat the Amalekites. But he couldn't do it alone. Others may not have been able to hold up the staff, but they could hold up Moses' hands! *"But Moses' hands were heavy. Then they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it; and Aaron and Hur supported his*

hands, one on one side and one on the other," Ex. 17:12.

There is great work to be done and two perfect opportunities this month to get involved. Let's work together for the glory of our Lord who died to save us and all the lost from their sins.

– Daniel Ruegg



The average person can read the Bible through in about seventy hours reading time. Reading three chapters per day and five on Sundays, you can read your Bible through in one year. About fourteen chapters per day will take you through in three months.

There are some 500 verses on prayer, less than 500 verses on faith, but over 2000 verses on money and possessions. Money is discussed up to 140 times. "The love of money is the root of all evil," 1 Tim. 6:10.



DIRECTIONS: Each first Sunday of the month, we will have challenges that you should attempt to complete by the end of the month. If we all, as members, complete these challenges, our church will grow in spirit and in number.

1) NO NEGATIVITY FOR A MONTH CHALLENGE!

Eph. 4:29 "Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear."

It is amazing how easy it is for us to talk about all of the negative things in this world when there is so much good we have to be thankful for! Christianity is something that should be so contagious others who see us living in the light of Christ can't help but want it too. But why would they if we seem to be just as unhappy and unfulfilled as anyone else? I realize you can't possibly ignore all of the unfortunate, sad and disheartening aspects of life. But the joy a Christian has is able to rise above and center their hearts on a life of thankfulness and praise to God. So here's the challenge: No negative talk for a month! When you feel it starting to build up inside, tell those things to God who can do more about it than we can, and tell each other about the Awesome God who cares for us! You can start today. Isn't a risen Savior who will defeat death enough to fill you with a day of praise?

2) USING YOUR BIBLE IN THE WORLD

Share the following verses with someone who does not attend this congregation at least twice this month:

Philippians 4:4-14

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, 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. The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned before, but you lacked opportunity. Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. Nevertheless, you have done well to share with me in my affliction."