

Thank you, Lewis Frisby!
Speaker for today

Saturday Meeting...NEXT SATURDAY!!
February 24-25
IT'S NOW OR NEVER...
INVITE SOMEONE!!

Four Letter Words in the Bible

We have all heard the term, “that’s a four-letter word”. It is almost always used in a negative sense, as in swear words or profanity. But there are several good four-letter words found in the Bible.

Here’s one: **WORK**

- Christians must be fruitful in every good “**work**”.
(Colossians 1:10)
- Christians are to “**work**” with their own hands.
(1 Thess. 4:11)
- God’s word equips us for every good “**work**”.
(2 Timothy 3:17)
- Don’t be a forgetful hearer but a doer of the “**work**”.
(James 1:25)

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
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Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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Upcoming Last-Saturday-in-February Meeting

Believe it or not...this will be the 32nd consecutive year (except we skipped the year of the pandemic), the Indio church has held these meetings! Initially the idea of the late Bill Brown, preacher and elder for the church in Indio for many years, we can say with some confidence that these gatherings have been very successful. The purposes of these special meetings are first of all as an annual event to teach, edify, strengthen our own members; secondly it provides an opportunity to meet and have fellowship with those from around the country. Those purposes have been met. Each of these meetings has involved three preachers who each preach on Saturday and then again on Sunday. Their lessons are focused on a theme established by the local church.

The theme for Saturday is “**We’ll Work ‘til Jesus Comes,**” which includes lessons, “After Baptism, what then?” followed by “Attitudes needed for congregational work,” finishing the morning with “Measure of a strong Christian.” Sunday lessons answer intriguing “**Questions of Life:**” first, “Why did God make man?” followed by “What is man that God should be mindful of him?” and the final lesson, “What man needs to know about salvation!”

We also always have a special song service on the Friday evening preceding the Saturday event; and what an uplifting time! Although the primary emphasis is to edify and motivate our members, all are encouraged to “bring a friend”! Be there!

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19-20

Gospel Meetings: Opportunities to Evangelize

by Gene Taylor
(Repeat Article)

"...but speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head -- Christ -- from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share..."
Ephesians 4:15-16

All who are members of this congregation need to be preparing for the upcoming gospel meeting. Each member needs to take advantage of the opportunities it affords for evangelism. Everyone must do their part for the meeting to be a success and the cause of the Lord to prosper.

If we work, our efforts will bear fruit. We may not be overwhelmed by what many have termed "visible results" (such things as baptisms, restorations, etc.), those things so many want to gauge the success of a meeting by, but we will be a church after the New Testament order at work the way the Lord wants it to work -- with each member doing his/her part (see 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Ephesians 4:15-16).

At all times we ought to be emphasizing our responsibilities to evangelize. In doing so, though, we must realize that one person, or even just a few, cannot be as effective as a whole body of people actively involved in reaching and teaching other people. But gospel meetings provide unique opportunities to show that we are more than just talk when it comes to evangelism but are actually "doers of the word" (James 1:22). They allow us to demonstrate to the Lord and to others that we are willing to be involved in His work.

The personal invitation extended to a friend, relative or acquaintance is still, I believe, the best method for getting people to attend gospel meetings. We can blitz the media using all the modern methods at our disposal, but nothing can top the personal "one-to-one" invitation. Since this is the case, then, it makes sense that the more people who issue such invitations, the greater chance for success in having greater numbers attend.

I am sure the meeting preachers are doing their part to make the meeting successful. We have printed hundreds of fliers and sent

out announcements to other congregations. The key to real success, though, will be how many of us personally invite others. That should not surprise us since the key to success in almost every work that we might be involved in as a church is great individual involvement.

May each of us be totally involved in serving the Lord -- not just for the upcoming meeting but in all aspects of the work of the church.

A Good Fishing Trip

By Jay Launius

It was Saturday morning and Lester along with Tom sat in the boat just like they had done many times before. "They just ain't bitin' today." Tom said to his sleepy fishing partner. "Nope", Lester replied sleepily. "Lester you want to come out and try it again in the mornin'?" Lester slowly looked up, raised the bill of his cap and said, "Now Tom you know better than that. You know I got a standin' appointment on Sundays. We've been fishin' together for near 20 years, and you know I go to church on Sundays." "Yeah, but I thought maybe just this one time you'd..."

"Now wait a minute Tom, I wanna tell you something. First off, I owe you a big apology. We've been buddies for a long time, and you can't count the times we've fished together. But to my recollection I've never told you about Jesus." From that point on, Lester shared the Good News of Christ with his old friend. "Lester, I want to get baptized right now!" Tom said assuredly. "Right now?" Lester replied. "Yep" "Well if you believe with all your heart, you can." "Lester, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." With that, Lester turned the trolling motor toward a small cove. After pulling the boat in, Lester baptized Tom right there in the lake. Both men got back into the boat and headed home. Both went away two happy fishermen.

There's a similar story found in Acts chapter 8 that tells of a feller who got baptized right out in the middle of nowhere. Many of our friends may already believe in Jesus and are ready to make a commitment to God and be baptized. All they need is for us to ask. Would we ask our friend to be baptized today?