

## Go...Teach

*“Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”* Mark 16:15-16

*“For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God.”* Hebrews 5:12

## September Birthdays

6 Melinda McCollum 11 Marie Burruss 15 Marcos Perales  
16 Jim Burruss 30 Dortha Gentry 30 Kurt Hoffman

## October Birthdays

8 Esmeralda McCollum 16 Elizabeth Carrillo  
28 Allan Brown

### Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.  
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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## Getting Ready...

**We're just a few weeks away from our gospel meeting. Is it important? Is it a priority? The bulletin articles for the next several weeks will hopefully be beneficial in preparing for our meeting.**

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### **A Fishing Story**

By Adam Faughn

One day, a man decided to fish. He got a simple pole, line, and hook and went to a local creek. He was not successful at first, but he enjoyed the time in nature, so he went again. After a few trips, he caught his first fish. A few trips later, he had caught more.

After a time, the man had gained quite a reputation for knowing how to catch fish, so people came to see him do it. While he did not catch fish every time he went, he was usually successful, plus he loved to talk about fishing. It had become a passion for him. People started wanting to hear him speak about the techniques he used and where the best fishing spots were.

Time passed and the man became truly renowned in the fishing world. He was asked to speak at fishing seminars. He wrote books and articles on fishing. He even offered an online class on the modern techniques of fishing. His knowledge was impeccable, as he stayed up-to-date with the latest innovations in fishing gear, fishing technology, and fishing techniques. He was basically unparalleled in the fishing world for giving people information on fish.

Amazingly, the man created such a furor that an entire fishing university was created, and people filled their minds in courses such as "Angler 101" and "Line-Baiting Symposium." They

graduated with degrees in fishology and were now filled with all sorts of information.

But, through it all, there was one thing that was no longer happening. The man who was such an expert on fishing simply did not have the time anymore...to fish. He had not been in years. He had the information and stayed up to date, but he had not put a hook in the water for a long, long time. Thus, he had not even attempted to actually catch a fish in many years.

So, while the world was now full of people who knew the information about fishing, what was missing? People who fished.

## **A Time to Hear the Gospel**

By Dan C. Bailey

Our gospel meeting seeks to bring salvation to all. The gospel needs to be preached. The gospel needs to be heard. The gospel needs to be obeyed. *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Romans 1:16). "But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?" (Romans 10:16).*

Let us invite the community to hear God's message of salvation. It is the most important message of all. It is the only true message of hope, the only true message of forgiveness, the only true message which ultimately leads to heaven. Jesus said, *"...I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).*

We are so blessed to live in "the land of the free and the home of the brave." We thank God for all who have sacrificed so much in order that we might be free to worship God according to the Bible and our conscience.

Sadly, some do not avail themselves of their precious freedom. They either refuse to do so or neglect to do so. Jesus said, *"But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:23-24).*

God seeks true worshippers. God is pleased when hearts honor, revere, and glorify Him. *"God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him" (Psalm 89:7).*

John the Baptist said of Jesus: *"... Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).* God the Father said of Jesus, *"While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, 'This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him'." (Matthew 17:5).*

Let us attend each and every service of the gospel meeting. And let us invite our neighbors and friends to hear the true word of God. Remember to pray each and every day for a successful gospel meeting. *"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief" (I Timothy 1:15).*

## **The Gospel...He is Risen**

Andrew Beasley

One of the hymns that has commonly been sung in the church over the last century is titled The Gospel is for All. Paul declared that the Gospel is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes (Romans 1:16). It, like Christianity, is founded on the truth that Jesus Christ is the Son of God (Matthew 16:18) and is empowered by His resurrection. Without the resurrection Christians are called the most pitiable (1 Corinthians 15:19). But because of His resurrection the Gospel is given incomprehensible power.

Understanding the Gospel begins with understanding the significance of the resurrection. Because of the power that our God has over the grave, as put on display in the resurrection of Christ, we have hope that our physical life is not the end. That is the good news. That Christ brought salvation to man and provided security for the inheritance that is waiting for us. Without the resurrection, we have no reason to have hope in either of those things. Yet because of the resurrection, both salvation and our inheritance in heaven are promised to those who faithfully follow him.