



Welcome

Welcome to the assembly of the church of Christ that meets at Georgia Avenue, where we strive to follow God's plan for the New Testament church as closely as possible. Thank you for coming. We are encouraged by your presence and invite you to search the scriptures with us.

Sermon Text & Title

AM Sermon:
"Don't Let Jesus
Pass You By"
Luke 18:35-43

PM Sermon:
"Moreover You
See and Hear"
Acts 19:26

Schedule of Services

<i>Sun Bible Study</i>	9 AM
<i>Sun AM Worship</i>	10 AM
<i>Sun (1st and 3rd) 'Fundamentals'</i>	3:30 PM
<i>Sun PM Worship</i>	5 PM
<i>Wed Bible Study</i>	7 PM

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FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK:

A Successful Gospel Meeting

I recently read an article detailing how to have a successful gospel meeting, and I thought I would share it with you. The time for our gospel meeting is near! We are exactly 70 days away from 30 October. We ought to be vitally interested in its success. For it to be a success, we must realize our responsibility and fulfill it! The effort can be greatly hindered if we do not do our part. Five Ps are necessary to ensure we have a successful Gospel Meeting.

The first we should consider is **Purpose**. What's the purpose of having a gospel meeting? Gospel meetings are evangelistic in nature. Our purpose is two-fold: 1) it is to seek and save the lost and to provide opportunity for friend, neighbors, enemies, family, co-workers to hear the gospel proclaimed, Rom. 10:17. 2) to edify, to exhort, to revive in members their first love, Heb. 10:24-25, Rev. 2:4-5.

The second way to have a successful gospel meeting is through **Preparation**. We know lack of preparation can bring about a less than desired outcome. Sometimes we find ourselves unprepared to 1) attend each service, 2) to encourage other members to attend, 3) to invite those for whom meeting is intended and 4) unprepared to visit and welcome those to come. We can be prepared by 1) attending each night (only 3 nights) 2) Inviting others to come, and 3) Pray for God's blessing upon this effort.

The third important ingredient in ensuring a successful meeting is **Prospects**. Our first purpose in this gospel meeting is to seek and save the lost; that means we must evangelize on a regular basis. The intended prospects of an evangelistic gospel meeting are those outside of Christ. We should have concentrated door knocking efforts as well as each member sharing in the areas in which they live and frequent. We should ensure the prospects are there and that will happen only if we, the members take this to task. Jesus said, the harvest is white, but the laborers are few, Matt 9:37.

The fourth "P" is **Presence**. While all of our "P"s are important, this one is a make it or break it point. Nothing will kill a gospel meeting more than NO ONE THERE TO HEAR THE MESSAGE! Little to no presence kills the purpose. We should ensure the saved and the unsaved are in attendance. Additionally, it is depressing to the speaker, and to other members to come expecting to see their brothers and sisters and very few are present, 2 Cor. 2:12-13. Let's ensure we do our best now to ensure our schedules are open. This meeting will be on a Friday night, Saturday night and all day Sunday. This is not school time, and for many, these days are not work days. Let's do our level best not to kill the meeting!

The last "P" that will help us to have a successful gospel meeting is **Participation**. We should participate before and after the service. Arrive early to greet and welcome visitors. Sit up front, leave the back for those coming later. Stick around afterwards, greet the visitors, invite them back. Extend hospitality, 1 Pet. 4:9. We should participate during the service – sing when the songs are led. Pray when prayers are offered. Give the most earnest heed to the sermon, Acts 17:11.

I said five Ps are the keys to a successful gospel meeting, but reassure, none of these Ps are possible without earnest fervent **Prayer**. We ought to pray without ceasing for our gospel meeting. The prayer of the righteous still availeth much. We have 70 days before the start of our meeting. Let's ensure we have a successful gospel meeting.

Bro. Gene Cooper

If God be for us, who could be against us....

“RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD”

THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE—JAMES

#57 The book of James is sometimes called the "Proverbs of the New Testament" because it is written in the style of the wisdom literature and is one of the most practical of all New Testament writings. The writer identifies himself as "James," and authorship has consistently been ascribed to the brother of Jesus, who was an influential leader in the early church. The audience was Jewish Christians who had been geographically dispersed and were somewhat discouraged by persecutions and manifold trials.

Bro. Melvin Otey

Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Individual and family photos will be taken TODAY. Photos will be used for a member’s board. Make up date 9/13 after 10AM service.

Teachers Wanted. Anyone interested in teaching any grade level including adults, see Bro. Cooper.

Ladies’ Pray Without Ceasing Session, Sat, 9/5, 10:30AM. @ Sis. Moore’s home.

Nursing Home Visitation, Sun, 9/6, 2PM. See Letitia for details.

HU Bible Studies, Thursdays @ 7PM, Bus. School #548. See Lawrence.

2nd AM Service @7:45AM beginning 9/13.

Ladies Day@ Silver Spring 10/17. Please see Sis. Mosby to sign up by 9/30.

Women of Virtue Cooking Classes. Resuming in October. Let Sis. Otey know if there are any dishes you want to learn how to cook. More info to follow.

PRAYER REQUESTS

WORSHIP LINE-UP

AM

Usher	M. Davis
Song Leader	R. McQuirter
Announcements	M. Williams
Invocation	C. Merriweather
Scrip Reading	C. Merriweather
Message	N. Nuton, Jr.
Lord’s Table	D. Morris
Assist	O. Eaton
	R Fuller
Giving	D. Morris
Benediction	K. Wall

PM

Usher	M. Davis
Song Leader	A. Johnson
Announcements	M. Williams
Invocation	S. Keaton
Scrip Reading	S. Keaton
Message	M. Williams
Lord’s Table	R. Fuller
Assist	C. Pendergrass
	A. Brown
Giving	R. Fuller
Benediction	W. Ford

God’s Plan of Salvation

Hear the Gospel. Rom. 10:17
Believe in Jesus. John 8:24; Heb. 11:6
Repent of Sin. Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30
Confess Christ. Rom. 10:9-10
Be Baptized. Mk. 16:15-16; Acts 2:38
The Lord adds you to the church.
 Acts 2:47

STATISTICS

August 23, 2009

Sunday Class: 51 AM Worship: 78 PM Worship: 45 Wed Class: 51

Cleaning:

Letitia Mosby & Janisha Richardson

Communion:

Visa Farrell & Sheila Merriweather

Food Pantry Items of the Month: Canned fruit and vegetables; dry beans and pasta.