

# GOSPEL MEETING

**With Michael Hatcher**

Sunday, April 5      9:30 AM  
                                  10:30 AM  
                                  1:30 PM  
 Monday, April 6      7:00 PM  
 Tuesday, April 7      7:00 PM  
 Wednesday, April 8 7:00 PM

*Make plans to attend and bring your friends and family*

**All Services will be broadcast LIVE**  
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## Announcements

- Be sure to pick up our Gospel Meeting flyers from the foyer and hand or mail them to whomever you can invite.
- All Bible classes will meet in the auditorium today and Wednesday for our Gospel Meeting.
- There will be a Fellowship Meal at about 4PM at the home of the Hatcher's. Anyone wishing to go directly there following the afternoon service is welcome to do so.
- There will be a Men's Meeting on Monday, April 13th, at 7PM.
- Serving list for the Gospel Meeting is available by the bulletins.

## Prayer List

Linda Balthrop, Linda Brackett, Debbie Caldwell, Rashay Driscoll, Veronica Dupree, Joy Glass, Ella Green, Jake Hanna, Cory Hillman, Ashley Keever, Keith Keever, Bobby King, Brenda Levister, Juan Mandujano, Mary Lynn McAleer, Jay Montgomery, Tony Priola, Tim Smith, Chris Stout

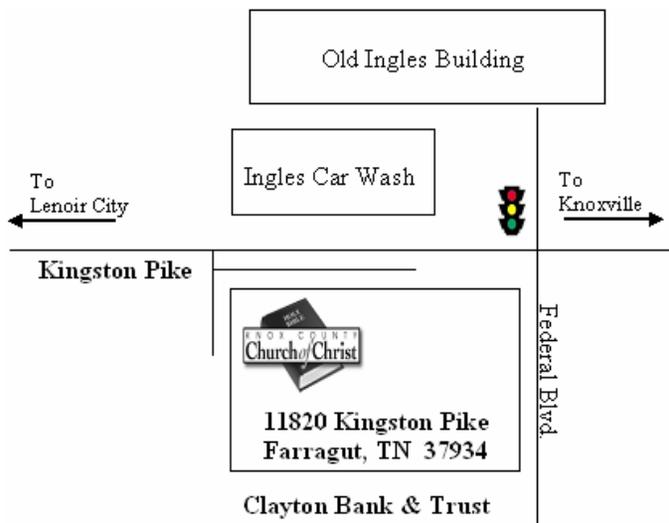
- Aaron Kilgore (Donald's grandfather) passed away on Tuesday.
- John Johnson, father-in-law of Gary Cooper (April's brother) had a stroke last Friday. He is at home but his situation is still very serious.

## The Numbers

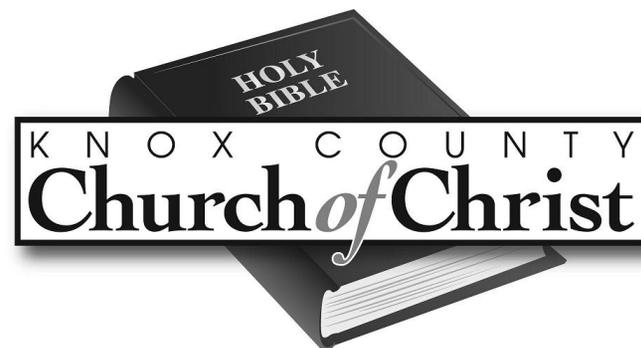
Attendance	Sunday, March 29	31/31/31
	Wednesday, April 1	24
Offering	Sunday, March 29	\$892.00

## Location

We meet in the former O'Charley's in Farragut off Kingston Pike across from Ingles. Look for the "Future Home of Clayton Bank and Trust" sign. See the map on the outside of this bulletin.



**April 5, 2009**



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**Temporary Meeting Location —**  
 Clayton Bank and Trust Office  
 Across From Ingles  
 11820 Kingston Pike  
 Farragut, TN 37934

## Schedule of Services

**Sunday**  
 Bible Study.....9:30 AM  
 Worship.....10:30AM & 1:30 PM

**Wednesday**  
 Bible Study.....7:00 PM



## From The Preacher's Pen

### EVANGELISM

(This article appeared in the November 2002 issue of Defender, a publication of the Bellview Church of Christ, Pensacola, FL.)

God instituted three great institutions: government, the home, and the church. Concerning that great institution the church, it was purposed prior to the creation of the world (Eph. 3:8-12). God had an eternal plan to save sinful mankind by Christ and those saved would be added to the Lord's church (Eph. 1:4-5; 1 Pet. 1:18-20; Acts 2:41, 47). The Old Testament prophets foretold of the coming of the Messiah and His church. Then "when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law" (Gal. 4:4). During His life, Christ promised to build His church and even death and the hades realm could not prevent its establishment (Mat. 16:18). After Jesus was put to death (as planned and prophesied by God), He ascended up to heaven and we see the establishment of that church of Christ (Acts 2).

Prior to ascending back into heaven, Jesus gave (as some have called it) the "marching orders of the church." We generally call it the great commission and is recorded for us in Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16, Luke 24:46-47, John 20:21-23, and Acts 1:8. In this commission, Jesus instructs His apostles to go into all the world preaching the gospel to every creature. He also informs them what it takes to be saved, have the remission of one's sins, or become a Christian (believe, repent, be baptized). While Christ specifically spoke this commission to the apostles, He also told them to instruct everyone to do all that He had commanded them (Mat. 28:20).

One of the commands, in fact the one He had just given them, was to go preach the gospel to the world. Thus, they would be teaching every Christian that they individually have the obligation (responsibility) to preach to the lost.

Jesus gave us the proper example of seeking the lost as He passed through Jericho. Zacchaeus had a desire to see Jesus, so he ran and climbed into a Sycomore tree. Jesus stopped and told him that He was going to go to his house. While Jesus is there, Zacchaeus repents and promises to restore anything taken unjustly. Jesus makes the statement, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). Jesus gives a purpose statement concerning His coming: seek and save the lost. Since Jesus is our perfect example, then should our purpose also be to seek and save the lost?

After receiving such a great commission, the apostles took that responsibility seriously. They were constantly teaching God's Word to any they would come across. "And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ" (Acts 5:42). Likewise, the early church took this obligation as an essential part of their Christian living. When the persecution arose after Stephen's martyr, Christians were scattered from Jerusalem, but "they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word" (Acts 8:4). Within approximately thirty years after the Lord gives this commission to the apostles; Paul could write that every person had heard the Word of God. "But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world" (Rom. 10:18). "If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and *be* not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, *and* which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I

Paul am made a minister" (Col. 1:23). The key to accomplishing this great task was that every Christian considered it his personal duty to teach others. They, therefore, went out looking for opportunities and making opportunities to preach the gospel to others.

Paul is another great example of teaching others. God recorded three missionary journeys of Paul for us to read about. While the first one began by the Holy Spirit separating Paul and Barnabas for this work, they did not lose their free moral agency. They still had the choice to go or not. Because of their great desire to save others, they went. Paul speaks of his desire to save the Jews particularly when he writes, "For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh" (Rom. 9:3).

Brethren, we need to focus our lives to evangelizing the world. No one else is going to preach the gospel to the lost for us. Paul said, "We persuade men" (2 Cor. 5:11). We are the ones who must do it. God will not do it, angels will not, Jesus will not, the Spirit will not, denominations will not (they will teach damning error hindering the gospel). If we do not do it, it will not get done. Conservative congregations have seen the need to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3). While not disparaging our need to do this, we must likewise get out and preach to the lost. Paul is a great example of doing both of these important works. He was a great defender of the faith against all attacks, yet he constantly proclaimed God's message to all he could. Let us reenergize and re-focus on our need to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

—Michael Catcher