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## Editorial

# Evangelism

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The theme of this series of lessons is “evangelism.” I want to thank David Dann for putting together this special series of studies. Evangelism lies at the heart of Jesus’s personal mission: “for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost” (Luke 19:10; cf. 9:56; Matt. 18:11). As Jesus ascended to heaven, He communicated this same mission to His disciples:

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age” (Matt. 28:18-20).

And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned” (Mark 16:15-16).

Jesus intended that “repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations” (Luke 24:47). The Holy Spirit guided the apostles in carrying out that mission (Acts 1:8).

The gravity of the need for evangelism in America is more serious than ever in its relatively short history. In the mid-1960s, an unprecedented event in the life of the American church occurred. David A. Roozen said,

For the first time since records allow us to recall, many of the dominant Christian denominations declined in total membership (among them, Episcopalian, United Methodist, United Church of Christ, United Presbyterian), and the rate of growth for most others dropped below that of the population as a whole (like Presbyterian U.S., Christian Reformed, Missouri Synod Lutheran, and Roman Catholic). Nor surprisingly, national church attendance figures also showed significant declines.... America was becoming (and according to most indicators is continuing to become) increasingly unchurched.<sup>1</sup>

At the time, denominational leaders were perplexed to explain what was happening.<sup>2</sup> What occurred in the 1960s has only grown in the last half-century so that, what was unclear in the 1960s is now rather obvious: the prevailing American culture shifted from Christianity to secularism, just as it has done in most all Western cultures.

Roozen’s research in 1978 considered anyone who attended church “about once a year” as unchurched. He stated that estimates of the percentage of the American population who are unchurched was somewhere between 25 and 40 percent, somewhere between 50 and 80 million Americans.<sup>3</sup> The most

recent figures I have seen is that the unchurched population in the United States is nearly 100 million.<sup>4</sup> Our own nation has become a vast mission field.

The graying of the church and how few are being converted threatens the existence of many local congregations. For this reason, this issue of the magazine and the theme of the 2015 Truth Magazine lectures is on Evangelism. We invite your careful reading of this material. **11**

<sup>1</sup> David A. Roozen, *The Churched and the Unchurched in America: A Comparative Profile*, 1.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, 2.

<sup>3</sup> Roozen, op. cit., 5.

<sup>4</sup> “Unchurched Population Nears 100 Million in the U.S.,” <https://www.barna.org/barna-update/faith-spirituality/107-unchurched-population-nears-100-million-in-the-us#.WJly5f8olw>, accessed 12/23/2014.



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# A Physical Clue for the Date of the Exodus?

By Luke Chandler



light on this issue. The first is the *Merneptah Stele*, named after Ramses II's son and successor who reigned at the end of the 13<sup>th</sup> century (ca. 1213-1203). Merneptah

lists conquered foes including an "Israel" in the vicinity of Canaan. The hieroglyphs also designate Israel as a people or ethnic group rather than a kingdom. These details support the biblical account of Israel as an established tribal society inhabiting Canaan during the late 1200s B.C.

The other inscription is the *Berlin Statue Pedestal Relief 21687*. This stone fragment shows three prisoners superimposed with name rings. Each name ring lists an adversary defeated by Egypt. This artifact dates to around the 13<sup>th</sup> century BC, the time of Ramses and Merneptah.

The first two *Pedestal Relief* name rings clearly read "Ashkelon" and "Canaan" but the third ring is damaged on one side and difficult to read. Scholars recently analyzed it in detail and determined it reads "Ishrael," a name similar to that of God's people.

Interestingly, the name rings for "Ashkelon" and "Canaan" use archaic spellings that match to the 15<sup>th</sup> and early 14<sup>th</sup> centuries. In this context, it is probable that "Ishrael" is an old spelling of "Israel." Spelling and pronunciation sometimes change,

especially when converting from one language to another (in this case, converting the Semitic term "Israel" to Egyptian). It should also be noted that the Hebrew pronunciation we have today was not finalized until the 8<sup>th</sup> century A.D.

Why would a 13<sup>th</sup> century inscription contain out-of-date spellings? The *Pedestal Relief* was likely copied from an older inscription. Egyptian leaders sometimes duplicated previous rulers' achievements onto their own monuments.

If a 13<sup>th</sup> century scribe copied the *Pedestal Relief* from a 15<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> century original, and if scholars correctly analyzed the third name ring, then Israel ("Ishrael") was established in Canaan before the reign of Ramses II as per the Bible's timeline. This would be a key element in any discussion on the date of the Exodus. **T**



**W**hen did the Exodus occur? The Bible does not name the Pharaoh and ancient Egyptians did not mention the event, so we must seek clues for the date.

Passages such as Judges 11:26 and 1 Kings 6:1 combine with later Egyptian records to place the Exodus in the 1400s B.C. This date has support from the number of generations listed in 1 Chronicles 6:33-37 along with the dating of some city destructions in Canaan.

In contrast, most modern scholars (and all Hollywood producers) place the Exodus in the mid-13<sup>th</sup> century B.C. during the reign of Pharaoh Ramses II. They regard the biblical dating as symbolic and point to archaeological finds suggesting a large migration into Canaan during the 1200s B.C.

A 13<sup>th</sup> century Exodus creates problems. The biblical chronology clearly puts judges in the 1200s. One must also consider whether basic numbers in the text can be trusted, and wonder what other information should fall under suspicion.

Two Egyptian inscriptions cast



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# Good News!

By Ethan R. Longhenry

**W**e do not have to look far in order to learn about bad news; we are bombarded with it through the news on television or online. We hear about those who have committed terrible crimes and their victims; we learn of oppression, violence, pain, misery, and suffering around the world; we hear dire predictions about the future of our culture, society, and even our planet. This tendency is also found among the Lord's people: we often hear of warnings about the fate of American culture and the future of the church. We are reminded frequently that the church is only one generation from apostasy. Many think the future of the advancement of the Gospel looks quite dim.

There is evil in every day and age (Matt. 6:34); we will always be beset by fears, temptations, and trials (2 Tim. 3:12; Heb. 12:1-2). Yet it need not be all doom and gloom: we have been entrusted with the Gospel, or Good News (Greek *euangelion*), about Jesus the Christ (Rom. 1:16; 1 Tim. 1:11)! In a world saturated with bad news we do well to emphasize that Jesus Christ is very good news indeed.

**Jesus reigns as Lord.** In Matthew 28:18, Jesus declares that God has given Him all authority in heaven and on earth. When we look around the earth and see all the misery, pain, suffering, and violence, it is easy to forget that Jesus reigns. In a figure we see a similar situation in Revelation 13:1-18: the forces of evil have succeeded in seducing most people to follow after them, they persecute the people of God, and the situation seems dire. But

we learn in Revelation 12:1-17 that the forces of evil have already lost; Revelation 14:1-20:3 in figures show how the Evil One will be thoroughly defeated. We do well to remember that even in the midst of difficulties on the earth the Lord Jesus still reigns and is glorified in heaven (Rev. 4:1-5:14); we may be suffering, but it will not last forever. Jesus is in control!

**Jesus is Risen.** In 1 Corinthians 15:1-58 Paul explains the importance of the resurrection of Jesus for our faith. He had died, but death could not contain Him; He was raised from the dead as the firstfruits of the resurrection, in hope that all those who serve Him will obtain a like resurrection on the final day. Thanks to the resurrection we may have the confidence that sin and death are not the end (Acts 17:30-31). The forces of evil may be strong, but we can gain the victory over them through Jesus and His resurrection (1 Cor. 15:51-58). We can therefore remain steadfast and immovable despite any suffering or temptation, knowing that, if we suffer along with Jesus, we will be raised in glory with Him (Rom. 8:17-18).

**Jesus's Kingdom remains.** The gates of Hades will not overcome the Church of Christ (Matt. 16:18); Jesus will be with those in His kingdom until the end of the age (Matt. 28:20). We have the Lord's sure promise and the confidence that God's plan in Christ is eternal and is manifest in His church (Eph. 3:10-11). God still wants people to be saved (1 Tim. 2:4); a remnant remains according to grace (Rom. 11:1-5). There is great reason for hope in terms of the younger generations currently in the Kingdom. Many young people maintain great zeal and enthusiasm for

the Lord's purpose and seek to serve Him in their lives. As participation in denominations wanes, greater opportunities exist to point interested persons in the way of simple, primitive, apostolic Christianity. The fields are "white unto harvest" (John 4:35)!

There will always be bad news and reasons to live in doubt and fear. We need to heed the warnings of God in Christ in Scripture but recognize that we are called to live according to the Good News of Jesus Christ and to proclaim that Good News to all men. The Lord will have the victory; the forces of love will overcome the forces of evil. The Lord is greater than those who are against us (1 John 4:4); let us trust in Him, be saved, and obtain the victory! **T**



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## Tough Texts

# Why Did Saul Fail to Recognize David on Their Second Encounter: 1 Samuel 16-17?

By Daniel H. King

When Saul began to have his repeated episodes of insanity, his servants had suggested that he bring in someone to play some soothing music for him to aid in quieting his spirit. One of the young men suggested David, son of Jesse who was said to be “skilful in playing” (1 Sam. 16:18). David was sent for, and whenever Saul was troubled by the evil spirit from God, David played upon the harp and King Saul was refreshed and well, and the evil spirit departed from him (v. 23). During his visits with the king, Saul became quite fond of David and even assigned him duties as his armor bearer (v. 21).

When the two of them next meet, on the occasion of the slaying of Goliath, the Philistine giant of Gath, the king seems not to know him and inquires as to whose son he is (17:55-58). This he may have asked in order to ascertain whether or not there may have been other sons in the same family with such fighting skills as David had (cf. 14:52). Some who read the text have suggested that this was all the king meant by what he said, not that he did not know the young man, but that he had merely forgotten from what family he had derived and wanted to know in order to inquire about whether there were brothers who could be brought into

service as warriors to fight the Philistine menace. This might also explain the fact that Abner, the son of Ner, Saul’s uncle, did not seem to know him either.

Several other factors probably also entered into the picture. Some of them are as follows:

1. *Some considerable time may have passed and David may have matured.* Young people change as they mature. They do not look the same at 16 as they do later when they are 21. The precise age of David during either one of these encounters is impossible to ascertain because the author does not provide us with a precise time line of events. The narrative only spaces them out as being one after the other in the order now broken up as chapters 16 and 17. Even that division did not appear in the original Hebrew manuscripts. So, a few years may have intervened between these early instances and the occasion of the killing of the giant. All of us, at one time or another, have failed to recognize a young person whom we knew in earlier years, perhaps even knew well, but when they are “all grown up” we seem not at first to remember them. This may have been what happened to King Saul, and perhaps Abner as well.

2. *Saul no doubt had many servants at the time, and failing to recognize a single one of them would not have been unusual.* Even though he may have grown fond of David, this does not mean that he knew him well enough to remember him in a vastly different setting. Before the occasion with the giant, Saul had little reason to give much consideration to who this fellow was or to care much about from whence he came or what the name of his father was.

3. *Before David had appeared to him as a musician, in the later scene he was a war hero.* Have you ever seen someone and seemed to recognize him, but because he is out of his regular place or circumstance, you did not know who he was? I did this not long ago. I saw a fellow in a restaurant, and the face seemed very familiar, but I could not remember where we had met before. It took me took days to remember where I had seen him before. He was the postal clerk in a post office that I have frequented many times. But because he was “out of his element,” so to speak, I did not know who he was. This may have happened to Saul. Because David was not playing on the lyre, Saul did not know him.

4. *When Saul had encountered David on these earlier occasions he was sick.* Saul was not himself when David was called in to play for the king, so the sickness itself may have kept Saul from knowing or even caring who was around him at the time. He may have appreciated the solace at the time, but have given little thought to who this fellow was who brought it to him. Note that neither Saul nor Abner associate David on the second occasion in chapter 17 with his duties as a musician for the king. Often when people are very ill, they do not know or care much about what is going on around them.

5. *The nature of Saul's illness may account for his failure to recognize young David.* Saul was deeply depressed and despondent because Samuel had informed him that his kingdom would soon come to an end. God had rejected him from being king over Israel on account of his stubbornness and unwillingness to yield his own will to that of God (15:23). So he knew that he would not have either a legacy or a dynasty in Israel. This state of depression over his rejection by God was punctuated by fits of utter lunacy. Many scholars who read the account given in 1 Samuel see these episodes as evidence of a man whose mental condition was deteriorating over time; he was becoming progressively more ill and may have been clinically insane. A form of dementia may also have been associated with his flare-ups. As a result of his mental disease he may have remembered little about what happened or who attended him during these periods of mania.

Since the writer of the text of 1 Samuel does not tell us why Saul did not remember David from their earlier encounters, it is impossible for us to be sure about the reason. Any one or all of the possible reasons listed above could explain his failure to recognize the young man. Some scholars from the liberal school of textual criticism suggest that the writer has brought

together two different narratives which provide two "first encounter" stories that are at odds with one another. This solution to the problem is altogether unsatisfactory because it fails to explain how this secondary editor was so blind to what he was setting down on paper that he did not see the seeming "contradiction" in the two accounts. No, the historian simply recorded the facts of what happened on these two occasions without explaining the reason for the king's dunderheadedness. He left it to us to try to figure out why Saul may have failed to identify someone who he ought to have known. This may actually have been one aspect of the author's purpose in telling us this part of the story. He does intend to tell us about the faltering mental facilities of King Saul and his consequent ineptitude as a leader. So this may well enter into his reasoning behind telling us the story precisely as he does. **T**



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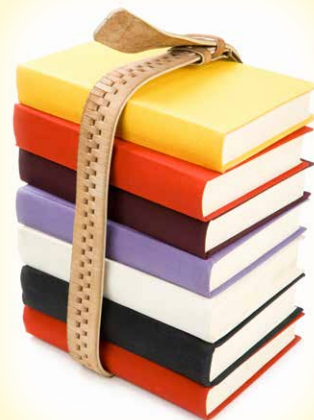
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## Ladies Column

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1. If the skies a - bove you are gray, You are feel - ing so blue.  
 2. Of - ten we are trou - bled and tired, Sick with sor - row and pain;  
 3. Oft we fail to see the rain - bow Up in heav - en's fair sky,

If your cares and bur - dens seem great All the whole day through,  
 There are oth - ers liv - ing in sin Blest with earth - ly gain.  
 When it seems the for - tunes of earth Frown and pass us by.

There's a sil - ver lin - ing that shines In the heav - en - ly land;  
 Take new cour - age; we can - not tell What the mor - row may bring;  
 There are things we know that are worth More than sil - ver and gold;

Look by faith and see it my friend; Trust in His prom - is - es grand.  
 When the dark clouds van - ish a - way, Then your heart tru - ly can sing,  
 If we hope and trust Him each day, We shall have pleas - ure un - told.

# Sing and Be Happy

By Shereilyn Mayberry

When life is difficult and weighing you down, what can a woman do to receive help to carry the load? If you have a relationship with the Lord, you can turn to Him for strength. Songs can aid in the struggles of life. "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me" (Phil. 4:13). You

can be happy as you press toward the goal of Heaven. Having a spiritual song on your lips and in your heart will lift your spirits and keep you focused on your goal of eternity.

We should trust God as we travel life's road. He preserves our souls as we are faithful to Him (Ps. 86:2). Being diligent in our work for the Lord we can have full assurance of our hope and through faith inherit God's promises (Heb. 6:10-12). Taking refuge in God, we can be glad because He will shelter us and shield us with His favor (Ps. 5:11, 12). In the shadow of His wings, we can sing for joy. As we cling to Him, He will hold us up (Ps. 63:7, 8).

The good tidings of salvation should be proclaimed among the nations (1 Chron. 16:23, 24; Matt. 28:19, 20). Sharing the evidence of God's creation and His wonderful deeds, we glorify Him in song (1 Chron. 16:8-10). While worldly enemies surround us, we can offer a life of sacrificial service to the Lord and praise His holy name. We may approach God in prayer and ask Him to lift up our hearts as we sing praises to the Lord (Ps. 27: 6, 7).

Tomorrow is an unknown, but we can take courage in the stability that God offers. When troubles come and we lean on the Lord for strength and overcome, then we can sing of His lovingkindness and be glad all our days (Ps. 59:16; 90:14). Lifting up our voices in joyful song, we can tell our family, our friends, and the whole world of salvation in Jesus Christ (Ps. 71:23). Let us proclaim that He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6). God is righteous and will forgive if we repent of our sins and obey His will (Ps. 51:11-14; Acts 2:38). Sing to the Lord with joy and thank the Rock of our salvation (Ps. 95:1, 2; Col. 3:16)! **T**



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**S**ing and you'll be happy today;  
 Press along to the goal.  
 Trust in Him who leadeth the way;  
 He is keeping your soul.  
 Let the world know where you belong;  
 Look to Jesus and pray;  
 Lift your voice and praise Him in song;  
 Sing and be happy today.  
 — Emory S. Peck

One of the many blessings that we receive from God is the gift of song. We can praise God, entreat and thank Him, encourage others and be encouraged as we lift our voices and hearts to God in song. Singing can be a part of our worship and a portion of our daily lives. It can set the tone of our worship, Bible classes, and home life.



## Q&amp;A

## Q&amp;A

By Bobby L. Graham

## QUESTION:

Some people today say they are seeking a deep spiritual experience apart from any ties with organized religion. Would you please address this in *Truth Magazine*?

## ANSWER:

Yes, this cry has been heard over several decades, stemming primarily from the “me-ism” so rampant in the 1960s and the resulting and recurring attempts to placate the conscience, while doing it on one’s own terms. It has not been many months since I learned of a young person who had taken this route. To a lesser degree, many of those involved in the house-church movement (not those meeting in houses for justifiable reasons) have manifested something of the same attitude and tendency.

What do these people mean when they speak of a spiritual experience? They have re-defined spirituality by rejecting the scriptural ideas found in the Bible and manufacturing their own ideas. Therein lies the fundamental problem and error of this approach. To claim to be religious without the church is to make a distinction that is not founded in Biblical truth, for the New Testament demonstrates that all of God’s children are in His family, the church (Acts 2:47; Gal. 3:26-27). How can one be acceptable to God as a religious person without being in Christ’s church? He cannot! Another basic error here involved is the assumption that one can choose his own religious approach to God and God will accept it. Has that ever been the case? Of course not. From the beginning God has prescribed and regulated the faith that He desires creatures to hold and the practice which He approves for them (Gen. 4;

Heb. 11:4). Never has God left such to human discretion! When people involve themselves in such efforts to be spiritual on their terms, they are guilty of presumption, the great sin about which the psalmist warned (Ps. 19:13) and come close to the high handed sin of the Old Testament for which there was no atonement. Under every dispensation (administrative plan for running the household), the Bible has warned adherents of the high-handed approach by speaking of going beyond the established way of the Lord or subtracting from what God revealed. What causes us to think that God has changed His mind about people who play “fast and loose” with His Word (1 Cor. 4:6)?

Why does this attitude and approach prevail in so many quarters? To begin, I must admit that the attitudes and actions observed in former religious situations have not been the best. In fact, they have caused some to become disaffected or disillusioned with what they call “organized religion” or “the church.” Their continuing mantra is that they believe in Jesus, but not the church. The sham of modern “Christianity” lacks the validation of New Testament teaching and the support of divine authority. It is far from being what first-century Christians believed and practiced. The claim to be Christians doesn’t ring true to people who have studied their Bibles. Among those practicing what the New Testament pattern reveals, attitudes

toward the Bible often fall short of the Godward attitude that all disciples must have toward the Lord’s will and of the humble, loving attitude that they should show toward one another. Succinctly, they have seen the hypocrisy and don’t like it. In their immaturity they have decided to craft something better; their knee-jerk reaction is wrong. Their spirituality is little different from that of those claiming special revelations from God or powers to communicate with the dead. It is not far from subjective validation to E.S.P. All of them talk about how they feel, think, and desire to do.

Consider the spirituality of Biblical teaching in this summary of what we have said to this point: The lesson for those protesting New Testament faith and practice is that they must learn the lesson of discipleship – thinking and doing as their Master. The lesson for those failing to exemplify godly attitudes is that they must repent for their benefit and for the profit of others. **T**



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## Evangelism

# The Essence of Evangelism

By David Dann

The Lord has made the spread of the gospel a top priority. Matthew wrote of the focus of Jesus's earthly ministry, saying, "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people" (Matt. 4:23, NKJV). The spread of the gospel, or good news, was the focal point of the Lord's work as He walked this earth. It is also evident that the spread of the gospel was at the forefront of the Lord's thoughts following His resurrection in that Mark writes, "And He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned'" (Mark 16:15-16). The spread of the message of salvation has been, and continues to be, a top priority for the Lord.

The sharing of the gospel is both urgent and important, because the gospel message represents the only hope of salvation for sinners. Jesus made this clear in referring to Himself as the only way of salvation (cf. John 8:24; 14:6), and His teaching was echoed by the apostles, who said, "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). There is no hope of salvation for sinners outside the gospel message of Jesus Christ.

Evangelism must take place in order for sinners to be saved. To "evangelize" is "to make acquainted with the gospel" or "to preach the gospel from place to

place" (*Webster's English Dictionary*). Therefore, evangelism refers to the process by which men and women are made acquainted with the gospel of Christ. Sinners must receive and obey the message of Jesus Christ in order to be saved and, in view of this fact, the apostle Paul writes, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek" (Rom. 1:16). If sinners are to be saved they must first be evangelized.

## What Is the Essence of Evangelism?

**1. The ongoing process of sharing the good news.** "Essence" is defined as "that which makes a thing what it is" (*Webster's English Dictionary*). The true substance of evangelism has to do with a continual process of spreading the message of salvation to others (cf. Rom. 10:13-17). At its core, evangelism simply involves presenting the message of Christ to those who are capable of hearing and believing it. When one person tells another person the story of the gospel, then the power of God is brought to bear on that individual's heart, and his response to the message will determine his eternal destiny. That this process should never end is easily seen in that Paul instructed Timothy, saying, "You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (2 Tim. 2:1-2). The true essence of evangelism

involves the ongoing spread of the gospel to those who are in need of it.

**2. God's people spreading God's message.** Evangelism is centered on God's people sharing His message of salvation with others. The spread of the message may take place in the assembly of the local church, in some other public venue, or in private interaction between individuals. Peter spoke to the crowd in Jerusalem, saying, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). Philip "preached Jesus" to the Ethiopian Eunuch as they traveled along the road (8:35). When Paul and Silas were presented with the opportunity to share God's message with the jailer in Philippi, the Bible says, "Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house" (16:32). Paul reminded the Ephesian elders of his evangelistic work among them, saying, "I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house" (20:20). Paul reasoned with Felix "about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come" (24:25). While scripturally-authorized programs and projects have their place in evangelistic work, the substance of evangelism may be boiled down to one person telling another person how he can go about receiving the salvation offered by Jesus Christ. The true essence of evangelism has to do with faithful followers of Christ helping their friends, relatives, and neighbors to hear and understand the gospel of Christ so that they, too, might become faithful followers of Christ.

## What Is Not the True Essence of Evangelism?

**1. A personality contest.** Some make the mistake of centering evangelism on the personality of the one doing the evangelizing. It is easy to fall into the trap of thinking that what is really needed in order to perform effective evangelistic work is someone with a charismatic and magnetic personality who will easily be able to draw others to hear the gospel. While some personality types may find it easier than others to begin a conversation about spiritual matters with a friend or neighbor, it is the gospel that is to serve as the drawing power (Rom. 1:16). Jesus said, “And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself” (John 12:32). Evangelism must be focused on the Savior, rather than on the personality of the one doing the evangelizing.

**2. A man-made magic formula.** Some are always searching for a humanly-devised fool-proof method that is sure to convert the lost. But God has already provided the effective formula for performing evangelism. The apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians, saying, “And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified” (1 Cor. 2:1-2). This is the formula Paul used in Corinth when “many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized” (Acts 18:8). While many good methods of presenting the gospel of Christ are available, the focus in evangelism must remain on presenting the gospel of Christ.

**3. Numeric church growth.** Some have a warped perspective of evangelism when it comes to equating evangelistic efforts with numeric church growth. Brethren who notice that the local church is dwindling in number will sometimes urge that there is a sudden need to get busy evangelizing because

*Evangelism refers to the process by which men and women are made acquainted with the gospel of Christ.*

the attendance numbers are down. While it is certainly true that believers are continually “added to the Lord” (cf. Acts 5:14; 11:24) as the gospel is spread, it needs to be understood that numeric growth is simply a byproduct of evangelism rather than its true essence.

## What Is the Real Purpose of Evangelism?

**1. Salvation for the lost.** Evangelism is not about trying to help people to improve their lives, their marriages, or even their conduct. As the Lord told Paul, the sharing of the gospel is instead intended “to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me” (Acts 26:18). In concluding the parable of the lost coin, Jesus said, “Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents” (Luke 15:10). The purpose of evangelism is to lovingly assist those who are lost in sin in finding the way of salvation in Jesus Christ.

**2. Hope for the hopeless.** The apostle Peter wrote to the Christians of Asia Minor, saying, “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear” (1 Pet. 3:15). Because of the salvation that is in Jesus, the Lord’s people have a hope that those of the world do not have. The purpose of evangelism involves using the Scriptures to explain the hope of the child of God in order to persuade others to be partakers of this hope of eternal life rather than face the prospect of partaking

of the Lord’s wrath. As Paul writes, “Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men” (2 Cor. 5:11).

**3. Life for the dead.** Paul wrote to the saints in Ephesus, saying, “And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins... For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast” (Eph. 2:1, 8-9). John wrote to those who had already obeyed the gospel, saying, “We know that we have passed from death to life” (1 John 3:14). Those who are spiritually dead, having been separated from God through sin, can be made spiritually alive through hearing, believing, and obeying the gospel of Jesus Christ. John writes, “He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life” (5:12). The purpose of evangelism is to help those who are dead in sin to enter into a relationship with the Lord so that they become partakers of spiritual and eternal life.

## Conclusion

The greatest, deepest, and most profound need of the human race is to hear, believe, and obey the gospel message of Jesus Christ. It is both a wonderful privilege and a great responsibility to be entrusted with the task of spreading that message to all who will hear it. In our efforts to spread the word may we never lose sight of the true essence and purpose of evangelism. **T**



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## Evangelism

# The Evangelistic Example of Jesus

By Jesse Flowers

There is no better example to study and imitate in how to be effective in teaching the lost than Jesus Christ. His example was perfect. His teaching was perfect. His conduct was perfect. After all, He was and is the perfect Savior (1 Pet. 1:19; 1 John 4:14).

Everything about Jesus was evangelistic. Even before His actual birth this purpose was revealed by the angel to Joseph that his wife Mary “will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins” (Matt. 1:21). His move to Capernaum to begin His public ministry centered on His evangelism, as prophesied by Isaiah. “...the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned. From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand’” (Matt. 4:16-17). As Jesus taught in His hometown synagogue of Nazareth, He declared, “The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor” (Luke 4:18; cf. Matt. 11:1-5).

Jesus called His apostles to the great work of evangelism before *and* after His death. “These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand’” (Matt. 10:5-7). “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you” (Matt. 28:19-20). “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned” (Mark 16:15-16).

Let’s notice together some key things about the evangelistic example of Jesus that will help each one of us be more effective in reaching the lost with the saving gospel of Christ (Rom. 1:16).

**1. Jesus had compassion for the lost.** “And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd.

So He began to teach them many things” (Mark 6:34). One of the more notable times that Jesus demonstrated this compassion was with the woman caught in adultery. He did not condemn her to death. He did not excuse her sin. But He did show her mercy and taught her saying, “Go and sin no more” (John 8:11). Like Jesus, our hearts must be filled with compassion for the lost souls all around us. That compassion must likewise move us to action to share the good news with them (Rom. 10:12-18).

## 2. Jesus spoke with boldness.

Without hesitation He confronted others about their sin, error, and religious hypocrisy (Matt. 9:1-6; 15:1-14; 19:1-9; 22:23-32; 23). We, too, will need much boldness if we are going to confess Christ before men (Matt. 10:32). Fear will prevent us from sharing the gospel with the lost (Prov. 29:25). Courage must prevail if souls will be won for the Savior (Acts 18:9-10; 2 Tim. 1:7-8).

## 3. Jesus started His conversations with a spiritual goal in mind.

Jesus did this with the Samaritan at Jacob’s well when He asked her for water to drink. His supreme desire was to tell her about and provide her with the

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living water (John 4:4-15). Before long she was convinced that He was the Christ and convinced the men of the city of this truth as well (John 4:25-26, 29-30, 39-42). What a tremendous difference it will make if we will only begin our conversations with others with a spiritual goal in mind!


**4. Jesus emphasized divine authority.** The Lord's regular practice when teaching was to draw the attention of His audience to the authoritative words of Scripture. Often Christ would ask those He was teaching, "Have you not read?" or "Have you never read?" (Matt. 12:3, 5; 19:4; 21:16, 42; 22:31). We, too, must emphasize the authority of the Bible when teaching others (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 4:1-5; 1 Pet. 4:11). It is the Word of God that is living, powerful, and convicting (Heb. 4:12; Acts 2:37), not ourselves. Instead of relying on the books of men to convert the lost, or personal testimonies, experiences, and feelings, we need to put our trust and confidence in the greatest personal evangelism manual ever given to mankind?

**5. Jesus asked the right questions.** Jesus asked the right questions of people on a variety of subjects: His identity and deity, marriage and divorce, the resurrection of the dead, etc. We too need to challenge those to whom we talk to be convicted of the truth that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God (Matt. 16:15-16; John 20:30-31). We need to humbly, yet boldly, ask couples if their marriage is lawful in light of the teachings of Scripture (Matt. 5:32; 14:4; 19:9). We need to ask folks if they are prepared for the future resurrection and judgment (John 5:28-29; Acts 17:30-31). Like Jesus Himself asked of some, we too need to inquire why so many say "Lord, Lord," but do not do the things that Christ says (Luke 6:46; cf. Matt. 7:21-23).

**6. Jesus had the every-creature concept of evangelism.** And He taught His disciples to do the same (John 4:9, 27; Mark 16:15-16). No matter if the

individual is a fornicator, an adulterer, a homosexual, a drunkard, a thief, an idolater, or even a murderer, he is still a prospect for the gospel (1 Cor. 6:9-10; Gal. 5:19-21). Remember, Paul wrote, "And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God" (1 Cor. 6:11). Everyone is a prospect, unless proven otherwise!

**7. Jesus came to seek the lost.** "What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine and go to the mountains to seek the one that is straying?" (Matt. 18:12). After teaching a chief tax collector named Zacchaeus, Jesus announced, "for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). In order for the lost to be saved, we must first seek after them. We cannot expect the lost to come to us. We must "go" to them (Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:15), and share the words of eternal life (John 6:68).

Brethren, we would be wise to sit at the feet of the Master Teacher (Luke 10:39) and learn from Him how to most effectively evangelize the lost. In fact, He bids us to come and learn from Him (Matt. 11:28-29). It is the Lord who teaches us that the seed is the word of God (Luke 8:11), and that the word must be sown in the hearts of men. If we will simply plant the seed and water it, we are assured that God will provide the increase (1 Cor. 3:5-7). And we must never forget, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest" (Matt. 9:37-38). 



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## Evangelism

# Building Relationships for Evangelism

By Justin McCorkle

Most conversions to Christ today are accomplished at the kitchen table rather than from the pulpit. The struggle with this truth has more to do with our own comfort zones than with any disagreements on the conversion statistics. For instance, in the Mauriceville, Texas congregation of Christ's people we have nine baptisms outside of services for every one baptism during service times. Many of those baptized outside of worship have never attended a service beforehand and many of those minority who respond during service times have already been taught the gospel in their homes. Since the work outside of the pulpit is becoming an increasingly essential part of growing the Lord's body, it is good for us to consider some of the tactics of developing contacts in the community that are proving successful in some areas. In 2014, the Mauriceville Church of Christ was involved in the repentance and baptism of twenty-two individuals. This article will discuss the basic plan used to establish contact with nearly all of those souls.

### Putting in the Work

Any gospel preacher who desires success in evangelism must be willing to invest the time necessary to make consistent home visits with outsiders. Making time to establish and develop contacts will come easier if it is built into your weekly schedule. We have chosen Tuesday nights for working new contacts. Unless there are stipulating

circumstances, I know that I will be out late that night each week and can adjust my schedule accordingly. Also, it is helpful mentally with the work because it forces us to "dig deep" and come up with some productive stop to make when there are no hot leads.

It is worthwhile to note that we need buy-in from our families in order to spend the evenings required in this work. Our families have the right to receive the time and attention from us that they deserve. This does not change the fact that it is primarily in the evenings when souls are won. Therefore, the evangelist may find it helpful to adjust other portions of his schedule to allow for a fair division of time. My family can generally expect me to be at home until the lunch hour on Tuesdays to make up for the time they will not have with me that evening. We need our family's support to spread the word. We must ensure that they do not feel neglected.

### Hot, Warm, and Cold Leads

Every individual that an evangelist will visit can be classified as either a hot, warm, or cold lead. While your definition may vary slightly, I define each lead in the following way: *Hot Lead* – One who has visited services recently, especially that has a connection to someone in the congregation. *Warm Lead* – This person has a connection to a Christian locally and has heard favorable things about the congregation and/or you personally. *Cold Call* – An individual with no real connection to the congregation

and has never visited. Using these classifications helps us to prioritize the stops we will make with the limited amount of time available each week. We will only invest time in cold calls when there are no better options. I have found no measurable success in attempts aimed at cold calls, including attempts through mass media, door knocking campaigns, and mail outs.

While hot leads are obviously most preferred, most conversions in our area begin as warm leads. We are not in an urban area and walk-ins are not very common.

### Leaning on the Brethren

Warm leads primarily are discovered through members of the congregation. Having a relationship with the church that results in brethren bringing leads is difficult to build and will only be accomplished through time, wisdom, and earning trust through success with others. No brethren want to have their relationships destroyed by unwise evangelists. On the other hand, if members see you handling their relationships with care and, especially, baptizing others into Christ then they will be anxious to have their contacts meet you.

In the mean time, there are many warm leads to be had without the brethren offering them up freely. For instance, when Sister A discusses someone in the community that she had a spiritual conversation with you might write that person's name down along with the information you have

available. Then, you might visit that person at a time of your choosing without involving Sister A or even telling her your intentions. After all, we are laborers for the Lord and He has authorized us to preach to all! We do not need permission from Sister A to do our work. The same principle can be applied to sick ones that are mentioned, family of members, etc.

Use this tactic with wisdom. It will result in either a very good track record or a very bad one ... and a bad track record may end in an invitation to “move on” in your work. Use good material that has proven itself successful in other places. One night approaches seem to be effective. We are using our own variation of the Big Picture presentation with great success. Also, track all studies through diligent record keeping. This will be proof of your success, or reveal flaws.

### Taking the Lead

As mentioned earlier, evangelists have no need to ask permission from other Christians in order to spread the gospel. Numerous times I have been told, “You should not visit Outsider B because he will have no interest,” only to disregard the Christian and baptize Outsider B a short time later.

Another tactic that we employ is making unexpected visits to our leads. While most everyone says, “Call before coming!” we find that what usually happens after calling is a response of, “Now’s not a great time.” However, if we go unannounced the same person will receive us with hospitality, an apology for some perceived mess, and a worthwhile visit. Very few times have we been received in any other manner. Of course, this may be partly because we are in Texas, but experiences in other areas have not shown this to be the case.

### Developing the Relationship

All of these things being considered, we develop the relationship with

contacts through a loosely organized three step method. First, we have the initial meet where we simply introduce ourselves, reveal our connection to the individual, have casual conversation, invite them to services (we especially like to put something in their hands such as meeting flier), and then leave. Typically the initial meet is no more than 15 minutes. Next, we have a return visit, usually about 2-3 weeks later. In this visit we express an interest in having them visit the congregation, accept any hospitality they offer, visit for as long as they seem to desire (but no more than an hour), and leave. On the third visit (approximately another 2 or 3 weeks later, we will go with greater purpose, especially if they have visited by that time, in order to seriously discuss a spiritual issue and/or setting up a Big Picture presentation. If nothing else, we will explain to them what they can expect when they visit and begin discussing some of the major differences between ourselves and the denominations that they have been affiliated with.

Building relationships in the community for evangelism is a goal that requires time, planning, and wisdom to carry out. It is not to be done insincerely, either. I pray that the Lord grants you success spreading His word in your area. May we do all things for His glory! **T**

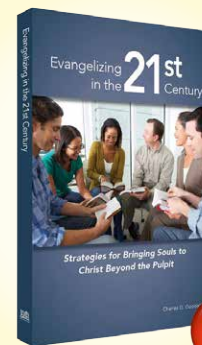


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## Evangelism

# Overcoming Fear in Evangelism

By Charles G. Goodall

**F**ear is an element to contend with in personal evangelism. In practicing personal evangelism in many venues during my fifty years as a regular gospel preacher, I will readily confess that fear was never absent even as my knowledge and technique continued to grow. While you may never eliminate fear, there are ways that will help you reduce it.

## Reduce Fear by Being Prepared

I rarely have bad dreams, but every once in a while I do. It invariably is the same one. I am scheduled to address a large assembly of the Lord's people. I am the featured guest speaker. Suddenly I realize I do not have my notes and I am frantically trying to find them or put together something for these brethren who are expecting so much from me. During my introduction, I wake up trembling at the thought of not being prepared. In many cases personal evangelists have fear, because they are ill prepared.

I used to tell my students, when I taught at Florida College, that there are two things you will never do: (1) Tell something you don't know and (2) Explain something you don't understand. If you are going to do personal evangelism, an absolute necessity is to put together and learn a lesson. Having a lesson available on a moment's notice will help you overcome fear in personal evangelism. I've talked with many gospel preachers who say they prefer to "wing it" instead of using a prepared lesson. However, any good school teacher will tell you he would never enter a classroom without a lesson plan. That's why I put together the lesson I use entitled, *In the Same Hour of the Night*.

I've heard good cooks have white sauces from which they prepare many entrees. Similarly, a lesson plan that's put together well will equip you for many teaching opportunities. Preparing a lesson could take several hours, but once you learn the lesson, it is yours to teach continually for life.

## Reduce Fear by Soliciting the Lord's Help Through Prayer

It is a lonely feeling sometimes seeking the lost, but Jesus said He would never leave us (Matt. 28:20). The early disciples saw a need to enlist the Lord's help in their ministry. "...we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word" (Acts 6:4). We must realize that "Christ has no hands but our hands." Conversions come through providence and prayer. We must pray for courage. Paul said, *"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God..."* (2 Tim. 1:7-8). The apostle Paul was apprehensive at times: "I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling" (1 Cor. 2:3). The Lord was with him and supported him in his anxiety. Now the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, "Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent; for I am with you, and no one

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will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city” (Acts 18:9-10).

### **Reduce Fear by Utilizing Wisdom in Making the Lost Aware of Their Being Lost**

Overcoming fear in getting a lesson set up requires wisdom as well. Some fear losing a friend whose soul is lost. Wisdom is required in approaching the matter. If you love someone, and his soul, you should not be fearful. “There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love” (1 John 4:18). A conversation pattern of complimenting and questioning should lead to an issue that requires or invites formal study. A mutual arrangement should be made. If they reject your best prayerful effort, so be it. “As for them, whether they hear or whether they refuse – for they *are* a rebellious house – yet they will know that a prophet has been among them” (Ezek. 2:5).

When teaching the lost, your lesson should reveal your prospect’s condition without you having to tell him. Many people I have taught have simply said, “I need to be baptized.” *A prospect needs to hear a lesson from God’s word if conversion is realistically expected.* We can’t expect anyone to be converted simply because we talk with them casually and then ask them if they want to be baptized. They need to be taught basic Bible principles first. That means a lesson of some kind, formal or informal.

### **Be Proactive in Dealing with Fear**

There is a certain amount of anxiety in reaching out to strangers in personal evangelism. Sometimes we just have to accept the reality of a situation and deal with it. We do this every day. It may be bitter cold outside but when we have things to do, we put on the proper clothing and go do what needs to be done. When we have enemies who are envious of us and treat us

spitefully, we love them anyway and treat them with kindness. I never was able to eliminate the butterflies I felt when I approached a stranger’s door. Sometimes I faced the temptation of not following through with the study if I thought they might not be home. In that case, I would simply get out of the car and without hesitation ring the doorbell. Once the study was underway, there could be a temptation to not ask the person if he would like to be baptized. If he does not want to be baptized, let him tell you that. It is your responsibility to give him the chance. If he turns down the opportunity, he is not rejecting you; he is rejecting the gospel.

### **Reduce Your Fear by Breaking Your Comfort Zone Frequently**

Since letting people know they are lost will sometimes produce avoidance behavior, we tend to let our fear build up by procrastinating in breaking our comfort zones around others. We can break that comfort zone by involving the Lord in our everyday conversations. That is not to suggest that we should adopt the persona of the Pentecostal with a “praise the Lord” in every sentence, but we do need to make those who are around us aware that this world is not our home. It is refreshing to have someone approach you with a dialogue like: “You know Mary, I have always admired you. Not just because you are a nice person, and you are, but because you seem to have it altogether as to what life is all about and what you want out of it. What is this you have? I don’t have it. I would like to be just like you.”

### **Conclusion**

Jesus implored His followers on numerous occasions by the simple appeal: “Be not afraid.” He was very explicit about the need to put aside fear in every obstacle of life we encounter no matter how extreme. “And I say to you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do” (Luke 12:4). Our encounters in evangelism are mild

compared with other things faced by Christians around the world. It is our lot to take our place in seeking and saving the lost. Christ would have us to put our fear aside and rescue the perishing. **T**



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## Evangelism

# Coordinating the Efforts of the Members in Evangelism

By Rick Billingsley

When I hear how many congregations are having internal strife, splits, and personality conflicts it hurts me to no end. The apostle Paul stated, “Apart from such external things, there is the daily pressure on me of concern for all the churches” (2 Cor. 11:28). Paul was explaining the difficulties that he experienced for his service in Christ, but what disturbed him the most was his concern for the churches. I, too, am concerned for the church in general; not so much about the outside pressures, but the internal difficulties that face many congregations today.

When churches are not busy converting their community, then strife, personality conflicts, and fighting take place. If churches were busy reaching out to find lost souls, they would not have time for such things. My philosophy has always been to keep the congregation busy with some means of evangelism so they don't have time to fuss and fight among themselves. Another important factor is we don't sacrifice truth for numbers. We should never compromise God's word in order to help the church grow. We don't compromise on marriage, divorce, and remarriage, work of the church, or immorality. In fact, these topics need to be preached on and taught in the congregation on a regular basis. You will find that many people in this world appreciate truth and desire to learn more about God's word. We don't need gimmicks and the social

gospel to attract people to Christ. The gospel can and will do that for us.

There are three types of congregations that most of us have been involved in:

- There is the monarch congregation. The work of this kind of church is centered on one or two families, whether intentionally or non-intentionally. Nevertheless, these families make the decisions and are the ones who are involved. Outside people will notice this as soon as they are acquainted with this congregation. This church may grow to about 50 or so.
- There is the preacher syndrome congregation where the work is centered on the preacher. Much of the decisions and involvement are focused upon the preacher's desires. Even though the congregation has elders, he makes many of the decisions and controls most of the subjects being taught in the congregation. This church may grow to 100 or 150.
- Then you have the corporate congregation. This work is centered upon the whole congregation, where the members, elders, and the preacher work as a unit. Elders make decisions based upon the needs of the members and allow the preacher to work with the members in reaching out to their family and friends. In this type of congregation, the teaching is being done by the elders, members,

and the preacher. Members of the congregation share the pulpit and other members besides the elders and the preacher teach the classes. This type of congregation can grow to infinity. How do you create such a congregation as the corporate church? There are four essentials for growth. It does not matter whether you are talking about a church or a business, you must have these four essentials or the organization will not grow.

**1. Motivation.** Members must be encouraged by the elders to participate in the growth of the congregation. Elders must expect members to work. Expectation is a must. If elders don't expect members to be involved in the work – they won't be involved. Parents are good examples. If parents expect their children to obey and get good grades, they will. However, if they don't expect their children to do these things, then they won't. Elders must expect members to participate and encourage them to get involved.

Cults are very successful in motivating their recruits. Why? Because they make them feel needed and wanted. When a new member is brought into the Hara Krishna's cult, right away he is given a task or a job to do and he is expected to do that job. They make their people feel needed and wanted. Part of our human makeup is that we need to feel needed and feel that we are contributing to a cause. These new members feel that they are contributing something to their faith. Unfortunately,

when new members are brought into many congregations, there is a very low expectation of them. Most of the expectation is for them to be faithful in their attendance. There is work to do and even new converts can contribute to this work. We must find out what they are willing to do and what they are willing to learn to do, and then help them to develop their talents (*Personal Growth Sheet* will help in this matter. We will discuss this later.)

*Training* – must have adequate training to help equip members with knowledge to do personal work. Jesus spent three years (26,280 hours) training His apostles before He gave them the great commission. We need training classes to teach us how to teach others. The Jehovah Witnesses and Mormons do this, so why don't we? Members must learn how to duplicate themselves. In 2 Timothy 2:2, "The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be *able* to teach others also." The Greek word *able* is *hikanos* which means sufficiently trained, who are sufficient in teaching others. Notice 2 Timothy 2:24, "The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, *able to teach*, patient when wronged." The Greek word here is *didaktikos* meaning "apt and skillful in teaching." Classes can help train members to teach the lost.

*On hands training* – Never go to a Bible study alone. Always take another person with you. This is a good practice for the one who is conducting the study so he or she can train others to do what he does. We must be able to duplicate ourselves. As a preacher you must be duplicable. The lessons that you use must be simple and easy to teach so others can do the same.

**2. Dedication.** Personal evangelism should be the elders, deacons, preacher, and members aim in their Christian life. The work of the church is to save souls. Members must realize spiritual growth comes only when they are

involved in teaching others (Heb. 5:12-14). There must be 100% dedication from the elders and preachers (leaders of the congregation) when it comes to personal evangelism.

*Give the preacher time to do personal work.* It is a must that the preacher has time to be involved in personal work. Too often a congregation expects the preacher to be in the pulpit every Sunday and to teach every class on Sunday and Wednesday. Sometimes they even have to write articles for bulletins. This takes a tremendous amount of time to do and leaves very little time for the preacher to be involved in reaching the lost in the community.

*Have members to teach classes and to preach in the pulpit.* At Walnut Street our men preach on the fifth Sunday and teach Wednesday evening classes during the summer. I am expected to teach only Wednesday evening and preach three times during the month. Our men and elders share in the work of preaching and teaching. This allows me time to do personal work during the week.

**3. Participation.** The ideal situation is to have 100% involvement from the congregation; however, realistically 50% should be the goal for the congregation to strive for. Elders, deacons, and preachers must be involved in personal evangelism. People generally will follow when they are led by example from the leadership of the congregation. If the leadership does not get involved then the members will not be encouraged to get involved. There are different things you can do to reach the community to find people:

*Following up on Visitors.* Be sure that visitors are sent a thank you letter and are visited. At Walnut Street we have an intense follow up program for our visitors. Members send out cards thanking them for coming. I personally send them a thank you letter with a survey card and a first lesson of four

lessons that we use to teach others. Then elders, the deacons, members, and I personally contact our local visitors and personally visit them.

*New residents in our community.* Newcomers are often lonely, looking for new friends and a church home. In the past we have purchased zip codes in our area and have sent out welcome letters to these new comers. Then we (elders, preachers, deacons, and members) of the congregation would visit them personally and welcome them to our community.

*Around town Bible studies.* These are studies that were conducted around the towns where our members live. They were conducted at coffee shops, bookstores, and restaurants. One of our deacons or members would conduct these studies with three or four of our members who would sit in for the study. They were conducted on Thursday evenings studying the same topic at these different locations.

*Working the university campus.* Myself, an elder, and a few of our members work on Thursdays at North Carolina State campus passing out literature. The key to participation is to have different things going so people can participate in these programs. To get people to participate in these programs don't ask for volunteers. Seldom will people volunteer; however, when asked to participate, seldom will they say no. I don't ask for volunteers to sit in on a study. I will ask a person to go with me.

**4. Organization.** For all of this work we must have organization to keep track of spiritual and numerical growth.

*A work group agenda* – work groups are a must. Our deacons are leaders of our work groups and we have a work sheet or what we call a *group agenda sheet*. These sheets are filled out by our group leader (deacons) and later are reported to our elders at our elder, deacon, and preacher monthly meeting. Work groups are required to

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# How To Conduct A Home Bible Study?

By Johnie Edwards

Tell me how many Home Bible Studies you have going, and I can pretty well tell you how many you are going to baptize! In my experience, as to evangelism, the majority of people being converted today, come as the result of sitting down with one or more and just studying the Bible. It is the purpose of this study to learn how to conduct a home Bible study, thus, leading one to decide to obey the gospel.

### Must Have Faith in God

Regardless of what we do, the Hebrew writer stated, “But without faith it is impossible to please God: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him” (Heb. 11:6). As a teacher of a home Bible study, you must have faith that teaching the word of God will get the job done. The Messianic prophet revealed: “So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it” (Isa. 55:11). The apostle Paul penned: “For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe” (1 Cor. 1:21).

### Putting the Seed in the Soil

Every case of New Testament conversion came as a result of putting the seed in the soil (Acts 2–19). The parable of the sower teaches that when the seed, which is the “word of God”

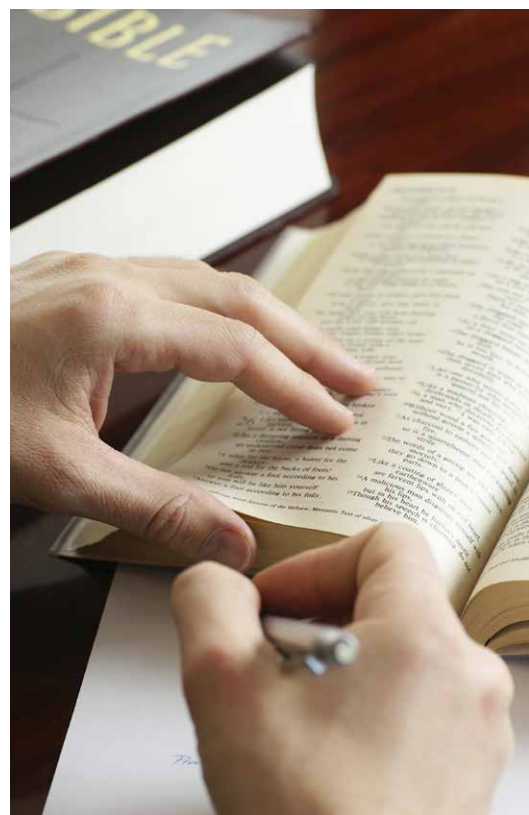
(Luke 8:11), is planted in “an honest and good heart,” that heart, having heard the word, will “keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience” (Luke 8:5-15). The problem, in most places, is that we are not getting the seed out of the barn! The question asked in Haggai 2:19: “Is the seed yet in the barn....?” has hindered evangelism in lots of places. Let’s get the seed out of the barn and put it in the soil!

### Leading a Prospect to Gospel Obedience

No doubt, there are lots of different ways to motivate prospects to obey the gospel. For many years, I have used this process of leading men and women to obey the Lord.

*1. Become Friends.* It’s difficult to teach those you do not know. You will have more influence when you are among friends. “A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly” (Prov. 18:24).

*2. Show Concern.* People are more likely to let you study with them when they can tell you really care about their soul. Too many think that no one cares, like the person in Psalm 142:4: “I looked on my right hand, and beheld,



but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul.” One way that you can let people know that you care is by saying something like: “I would like to get together with you and talk about some things the Bible teaches about your soul.” Which would be the best day for you: Tuesday or Thursday? Would 6 p.m. or 7 be best for you? These kinds of questions encourage a positive answer!

*3. Give the Prospect a Copy of the Material.* Find a method that works for you and provide your student or students a copy of the material to study. Having an outline to follow helps keep both the teacher and student focused on the topic being studied.

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Don't get side-tracked on unrelated subjects! I use a four-lesson *Home Bible Study*, which can be purchased from CEI Book Store in Athens, AL. You can also purchase a live home-setting of this material being taught in a DVD.

4. *Teaching the Class.* First, be on the agreed-upon time! Establishing the need for Bible authority is the best first lesson. A good way to begin this study is by holding up a small piece of wood; ask the class: "How long is this?" Write down what each says; they will probably all be different. Now point out: "You see we do not all agree on its length." Now ask: "How can we agree on how long it is?" Hopefully, someone will say: "Measure it." Have a small tape measure with you; let one in the class measure the stick; jot down the answer. Now ask, "How long is it?" Now they all agree because

we went by a standard of measurement. You are now ready to spring into your first lesson on Bible Authority. Use the stick illustration at the beginning of each lesson; keeping the need for the Bible as the standard by which all things are to be measured! Teach your class, set up the next lesson, and soon excuse yourself. Don't stick around to allow all sorts of questions, for which your class is not now ready! You might suggest that, if there are questions, jot them down, and if we don't cover them in the course of this study we will look at them.

5. *Ask for Their Obedience.* At the conclusion of the study, encourage your class to obey what they have been taught. The best time for gospel obedience is when students have freshly learned the truth. Jesus said, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall

make you free" (John 8:32). You might ask: "Is there any thing that would keep you from becoming a Christian right now?" If not, everything is ready for you to be baptized now. "Obeying the gospel is the best decision of your earth-life. Let's go! Call a few church members, meet at the church meeting house and take care of this "the same hour of the night" (Acts 16:33)! Let's get at it, being "able to teach others also" (2 Tim. 2:2). **T**



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meet once a month and send out cards to visitors and sick members. They are required to help with meals of those in our congregation who might need them. Members are encouraged to host a potluck dinner in their home for their group on the second Sunday of the month. This helps with communication between the members and the elders.

*Personal growth sheet.* Every member is required to fill out a personal work growth sheet. All new converts and new members who place membership with us are required to fill out this sheet. This is for the elders to find out what these new members would like to do now and be willing to learn to do later. These sheets also help the elders to keep track of the growth of individual members.

This personal growth sheet also helps

the congregations to utilize the work force, putting people to work now and train for future leaders and teachers.

*Bible study follow up sheet.* This sheet is a must in order to keep track of the number of baptisms. It informs the elders who is leading the study and who is helping in the study. It also reveals how the person was contacted. This is extremely important for it tells the elders what method or methods are effective for finding contacts. This also helps the elders to identify with new members in the congregation.

A copy of these work sheets is available upon request. These four things, Motivation, Dedication, Participation, and Organization are vital for church growth. In fact, without them it would be impossible to grow. There

are many things that we can do to help the local church to grow, but it all starts with us personally. "If it is to be, it is up to me." That should be the slogan for every Christian. However, these are things that the church as a whole can do to help encourage Christians to evangelize their community. **T**



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## Evangelism

# Mass Media Approaches to Evangelism

By Ethan Longhenry

The Scriptures attest to the importance of evangelism in the life of the believer and the church: Jesus commissions His disciples to make disciples of the nations in Matthew 28:18-20, Christians went about preaching the Word in Acts 8:4, and part of equipping the saints for the work of ministry involves evangelism (Eph. 4:11-12). While the most effective forms of evangelism involve Christians bringing family, friends, or others whom they know to Jesus (e.g. John 1:39-51), efforts designed to inform people we do not know about the gospel cannot be neglected (e.g. Acts 13:15-49; 17:16-34). Let us consider a few forms of such “impersonal” evangelism relating to mass media: table evangelism, door knocking/door hangers, mass mail or advertisements, newspaper columns, television or radio programs, and Bible correspondence courses.

**Table evangelism.** As Paul visited the Athenian *agora* (marketplace) in order to share the gospel with people in the community, so we do well to

establish a presence in the “public commons” of our communities (cf. Acts 17:16-21). The “public commons” in the community might be in front of a courthouse, a welfare office, at a bus or train stop, in the free speech area of a college campus, or a booth at a city, county, or state festival. In most such places Christians have the right to set up a table and from it hand out literature and have conversations with the members of the community who pass by. Table evangelism programs provide great opportunities to promote visitation to the assembly in general or for a specific event or participation in a Bible correspondence course or community Bible study.

**Door Knocking/Door Hangers.** As Peter and Paul went where the people were in order to tell them about Jesus, so we do well to take the gospel directly to people while maintaining appropriate propriety (e.g. Acts 10:1-48; 13:14-52). Door knocking involves Christians briefly introducing themselves and handing out literature to every house in a given neighborhood; where knocking

on doors is impractical or would cause difficulties door hangers can be left on each door. The material could feature introductions to Christianity and the church or invitations to the assembly in general or a specific event, to participate in a Bible correspondence course, or to participate in either a community or one-on-one Bible study. Door knocking and door hanging programs provide opportunities for Christians to get out into their communities to spread the message of the gospel; they may not be the most effective methods, but the growth of Jehovah’s Witnesses and Mormonism attests to its value even in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

### Mass mail or advertisements.

Another way of getting the message out over a given area involves mass mail or advertisements. Mass mail is the mailing out of a card to every address in a given ZIP code or other defined area; advertisements involve the promotion of a given method of evangelism and can be done in newspapers, online, or on radio or television. Mass mail or advertisements

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can be used to promote the assemblies of the saints or a community Bible study or other such things. While mass mail and advertisements demand less manpower, they do require far greater financial resources.

**Newspaper columns.** A consistent column in a newspaper, whether a community's daily newspaper or a special weekly, can provide a great opportunity to promote the Gospel. The column can be used to provide a Christian perspective on recent events, to explain passages of Scripture, to compare and contrast the views of culture, other religions, and the denominational world with what God has revealed in Scripture, and/or to provide answers to questions submitted by members of the community. Normally there is some financial expense required to maintain such a column but can be well worth the money in terms of interest and exposure in the community.

**Radio or television programs.** A consistent radio or television program can also be effective ways to reach a local area or community. The substance of such programs would prove similar to that of newspaper columns with the possible added benefit of a "call-in" section of the program in order to be able to directly respond to the questions of the audience. While such shows may attract many who enjoy listening to or watching a variety of religious programs, they can also reach people who are interested in learning more about the gospel and obeying the Lord Jesus.

**Bible Correspondence courses.** One means of helping people come to a knowledge of the truth so as to be saved involves Bible correspondence courses. A Bible correspondence course program features a series of lessons which an interested participant can study along with Scripture in his own home at his leisure. When he is finished with one lesson, he can return it and receive it back, graded along with the next lesson and a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Popular Bible correspondence course programs include *Truth Books'* Home Bible Study Correspondence Course series, the *Hall Jesus the Way* series, the *Know Your Bible* series, and the Hurt correspondence course series. While a Bible correspondence course program can be effectively promoted online via a website, at table evangelism events, and through other mass media approaches, maintaining flyers with the first lesson of the course included at local laundromats may lead to more signups in the local area. Active encouragement, correspondence, and follow-up with correspondence course participants greatly boosts the effectiveness of the program. While there do seem to be many "professional Bible correspondence course participants" out in the world, and a decent percentage of participants will come from other parts of the country or the world, people have come to a knowledge of the truth through a Bible correspondence course and have been baptized, and it provides a great opportunity to involve Christians in evangelism who may not be able to participate in other programs.

These are just some of a number of approaches Christians and local congregations may consider in order to promote the Gospel in their community. Many of them work well together; Christians and their congregations must decide what will work best and be more effective in their communities in light of the financial resources at hand as well as the abilities of those who will participate in such works. May God bless the promotion of His gospel in communities throughout the world and may many come to a knowledge of the truth and be saved! **T**



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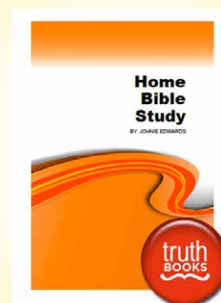
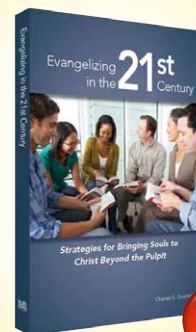
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# Can Gospel Meetings Still Play a Role in Evangelizing?

By Connie W. Adams

This question acknowledges the fact that gospel meetings once played a role in evangelism but also suggests that they might not now. That gospel meetings have, indeed, played a role in sounding out the word and leading the lost to Christ is beyond dispute. There was a protracted meeting in Jerusalem following the day of Pentecost. For awhile, they were “daily with one accord in the temple” and the result was that “the Lord added to the church daily those that were being saved” (Acts 2:42, 46-47).

Gospel meetings are occasions in which the gospel is publicly proclaimed. They involve the necessity for a preacher and an audience. Since it “pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe” (1 Cor. 1:21), how could anyone seriously question the utility of this divinely decreed plan to save the lost?

The Great Commission itself demands a public proclamation of the gospel. To “preach” is “to herald, to proclaim.” This does not mean we should not teach “from house to

house” but it does mean that we should herald it “publicly” (Acts 20:20).

## Different Kinds of Gospel Meetings

As we study through the book of Acts, it is obvious that the apostles taught on Saturdays in the synagogues as long as they were permitted to do so. Paul “reasoned daily in the school of Tyrannus, and this continued for two years, so that all who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks” (Acts 19:9-10). Would you say that played a role in evangelism?

In earlier times in this country, gospel meetings played a significant role in evangelism and the establishment of churches. Some of these meetings lasted for weeks, and when necessary, included two or three preachers. As time passed and culture changed from rural to urban, meetings grew shorter to accommodate work schedules and lifestyles. One of the earliest meetings I held covered three Sundays. Then as congregations had full-time preachers, meetings were shortened to two weeks, then to ten

days, then to Sunday-Friday and then to the weekend. It is fashionable now to limit them to three or four days.

With shortened meetings, subject matter moved more in the direction of edifying the church than in trying to also save the lost. Of course, churches need to be edified. In my own experience over more than six decades of preaching, the most effective meetings have been those in which the preacher had the latitude to cover a wide range of subjects which taught the lost and motivated them to act upon it, to sermons to strengthen the saints. Now brethren want to know “What is your theme?” I have been tempted to say “the gospel.” There are basic truths which the sinner must learn and upon which the saint must feed. The shorter the meeting, the less time there is to accomplish that. I believe many brethren have given up on trying evangelizing in meetings.

## Why the Emphasis Has Shifted

It is a fact that not as many “outsiders” attend meetings as they once did. In earlier times in rural

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settings, meetings were planned after crops were “laid by” and whole communities came. I have preached in meetings where the building would be filled to overflowing and people were listening through open windows. Those days are gone and it is hard to convince some that they ever existed.

As folks moved to town, life became more structured with attention paid to the calendar and the clock. There were more diversions with entertainment, sports, and social events all vying for time. The appeal of gospel meetings declined. America became more and more a secular society.

Changing philosophies have presented challenges we are forced to address in leading the lost to Christ. Now we have what is called “post-modernism” which really comes down to a shoulder shrugging “whatever.” Truth, if there is such a thing, is whatever you want it to be. We have to convince many that there is a God, that the Bible is His word and that it is the standard to which we are accountable. These were a given before. But not now. Effective meetings need an audience. I can tell very soon if there is much personal teaching going on. People who are teaching their friends the gospel are able usually to bring them to meetings. They need to be there more than once. Personal teaching and gospel meetings are not competitors; they are on the same team.

Another reason meetings have become ineffective in evangelism is the shallow preaching often done. Too many have bought into the notion that we have to entertain those who come with cute, catchy subjects, sprinkled with well-delivered, humorous one-liners. Gospel preaching does not have to be dry and uninteresting and preachers need to hone their skills to present God’s truth in the most compelling manner possible. But the power is in the truth itself, not in the messenger. Remember Romans 1:16?

Are there other effective tools to use? Of course. We have the printed page, websites, and the social media to name a few. But there is no substitute for personal teaching and none for public proclamation of the gospel, yes, even in gospel meetings.

Effective meetings require planning, hard work, advertising, preliminary home studies, faithful support of local members and an air of enthusiasm for the effort. Make the meeting a special event. Put your best foot forward in singing. Don’t try to break in an inexperienced song leader during the meeting. Show hospitality to guests who come. Make them feel wanted and welcome. Invite faithful men to preach who know the Bible and who will “speak the truth in love” (Eph. 4:15).

One more thing. Don’t measure the success of a gospel meeting by how many people come down the aisle at the invitation. Trust the word of the Lord to do its own work. “So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it will accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it” (Isa. 55:11). **T**



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# The Role of the Internet in Evangelism

By Steve Rudd

**H**ow to effectively use the internet to evangelize, online communication, online correspondence courses, website materials, etc.

In 1995, I discovered the internet as a useful tool. I realized then, that I could write an article in my dark little office and it would lead people Christ in all corners of the earth. Indeed, in hindsight, it has been the most important non-personal media tool ever since. Initially, I had envisioned great benefit to the local church, but soon learned that a church webpage is 99.9% world evangelism and very little benefit to the local church.

There are two models of a local church website. First, as a web address on a business card to hand out by members to learn more about the local church. Second, as a way to actually lead people to Christ. If you follow my simple guidelines you can effectively achieve both. Look at your local church's website right now and I will quickly allow you to categorize which of the two you have now:

1. Does every page on your website have direct contact information?
2. Does the "contact information" include the personal email link and personal home and cell phone number of one of the members?
3. Does your contact information include the actual city/state plus a list of all local cities within a 50

mile radius? (seekers will type in "Bible study in Dayton")

If you did not answer yes to both, then you do not have an evangelistic church website, it is a "business card."

Here is a list of "do not's":

1. Do not use web addresses like *info@abcchurch.com*. Instead use real personal email addresses and use your *best* email address that you use most often. If you are afraid of getting spam email, spend a few hours door knocking and then you won't mind simply "clicking" to delete a few spams.
2. Do not use PDF format, it is barbaric and annoying to use and 80% of your audience won't be able to view it unless they have the PDF plugin. Most "smart phones" can't read PDF. Instead publish the document as a standard HTML file with "typed text."
3. Do not publish audio/video files of sermons. Search engines ignore them and almost nobody actually watches them. Use an "audio to text" converter program (which is equivalent to someone manually typing in the audio words) and publish the transcript of your sermon in a standard HTML file.
4. Never embed contact information inside a graphic/photo jpg file. The address of the local church cannot be indexed by search engines. Instead,

always have "typed" addresses, phone numbers and names.

Think of web content (the fabulous, high-quality Bible-based articles and sermons you put on line) as that which attracts seekers to a single specific page on your website. Since people rarely enter a website from the front-end of the domain, you need to view *every* web page on your site as the *first* and introductory page seekers will see. Click on some of your Bible content and look at the page. Imagine this is the first page the seeker views. Does it do the job? Rarely, unless there is a plea for them to contact you personally (email, phone numbers) at the top or bottom of each page. A simple "contact" button is ok but there should be a typed plea on every page like this: Contact us for questions or comments. **CLICK HERE** (or something like that).

But now the big dilemma: The only way local seekers in your own home town are going to find your website, is if you pay for newspaper advertising, distribute flyers door to door or in the mailbox via postal service or put flyers on windshields on cars in shopping malls. But going to all that cost and effort *merely* to advertise a church website is not prudent. Local advertising needs to focus on a general plea for "learning the Bible blueprint" with a list of options that include: direct phone number and email address of one member, address of local church with service times and finally the web address for the church. However, even if you do this

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right, 99.9% of those who will contact you will be hundreds or thousands of miles away. Remember the only time someone comes to your website that lives in your home town is by random chance or when they search for a bible topic + the local town ("Bible study in Atlanta Georgia") Case in point: in cities like Tampa, Florida with large numbers of local churches, each with their own competing websites. Type in "Bible study in Tampa, Florida" and one local church of Christ pops up as the 5th hit. It leads you to a 10-year-old page that describes a merger of two churches in 2005 but *does* include the phrase "bible study" twice. When you click on the link to their "new church website," it has lots of nice moving graphics, but is barren of text *and* the phrase "Bible study." When you click on the contact information, you are brought to a form "email reply" and an "info@" email address that is more than likely disabled or rarely checked. None of the Bible content names have any direct pleas for contacting someone to talk about the great outlines! They do almost everything wrong and this is not exceptional. 95% of my brethren's local church webpages I visit get a "BIG fail" in my opinion even as "business card" models.

Now that we have fully discussed the "business card" type of webpage, let us move on to making every church website effective in world evangelism. Keep in mind that webpages without any local advertising, are competing with the world through search engines. A person types in a word or phrase and the search engine offers them choices. Content, not fancy moving graphics, is most important. If you write original,

unique, high quality Bible material, the search engines recognize this and will reward your work with maybe getting on the first page they offer the seeker. Great! Now you are getting some real "hits" from genuine seekers.

How are you supposed to help someone who lives 1000 miles away in a different state of the union? Almost immediately, anyone who has used a hit tracker on his website, notices that he is getting hits from all over the world. This is normal. But what do you do with these people? My solution was to develop a simple directory of local contacts in every part of the world. In fact, this is the single most important part of the website because it connects a seeker in Dallas, Texas, with the cell phone number and email of a Christian living in Dallas. Each local church has three choices to make their websites effective in world evangelism:

1. Create their own directory and keep it up to date (huge time, effort, and money)
2. Put this link on every page as a way to contact a Christian in their own home town:  
<http://www.bible.ca/directory/seek.php?type=church>
3. Ask the seeker where he lives and manually find them a Christian in his own home town to study the Bible with them.

I can directly confirm that over 100 different seekers with no previous contact with the Lord's body have been baptized. Hundreds have just walked in Sunday morning for services. My favorite story is a phone call from an elder in California who told me the story of a

person who just got baptized. He wanted to know who I was. He told me he asked this man how he learned about the church. The seeker replied, "I was on your church website and was reading about *why I needed to be baptized for the remission of sins* and found your contact information and service times." The elder was puzzled and said, "We don't have a church webpage." After a bit of further questioning it became clear that it was the content and contact information on [www.bible.ca](http://www.bible.ca) that brought him in. To the seeker the content appeared to be for the local church. In this same way each local church can be a conduit to connect the seekers from distant places with a Christian or church in their home town. **T**



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## Evangelism

# Lest They Turn Back

By Chris Eppler

**Synopsis:** Bringing lost souls to Christ is an important task. Strengthening those souls once they obey the gospel is equally important and far more difficult. With forethought and planning we greatly increase the chance that they will flourish and stay the course toward Heaven.

*No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God (Luke 9:62).*

The New Testament is clear, coming to the knowledge of the truth and then turning back into the world, or even looking back longingly at the world, is ruinous to the new saint and is hard to recover from. The newborn Christian has many things vying for his attention to draw him away. Satan is in a frenzy to recapture what he has lost (Rev. 12:13-17). New obstacles are thrown in their path and many of the old issues begin to tug ever harder at their heart. Added to all of this there is the fact that Biblical knowledge is likely insufficient to fend off Satan (Eph. 6:13-17). It is indeed a perilous time.

Considering that the situation of the new saint is so perilous, we can certainly see the wisdom in God's plan that we meet with one another weekly and work diligently to strengthen one another (Heb. 12:12-13). God has established an assembly for good reason. We are in this together! Every time we study with someone here in Mauriceville and he decides he wants to obey the gospel, we always take time with him before going to the water and count the cost with him. There are great responsibilities he is about to take on and he must be willing to make the commitment to get busy and to give up whatever he discovers from study that is contrary to serving Him. We emphasize that he is entering into a relationship with his new family of

believers. As with all relationships, the responsibility goes two ways. While we count the cost with him, it is important that we count the cost of winning souls in the first place. There is much for us to do and to give up as we help strengthen the soul that has been won.

Much time is spent in the Lord's churches considering how best to bring souls to Christ. Many plans have been developed over the years for how best to present the gospel to the hearers we encounter. While the gospel remains the same, the way people listen and interact varies with time and culture. It is wise to consider how best to reach people. However, we must also recognize that the same is true with strengthening individuals after they have been baptized into Christ. We should be constantly considering how best to strengthen them and honing our skills in doing so. If we lose saints out the back door as quickly as we bring them in the front door, there is a serious problem with our method. While some of it can be attributed to people whose heart was improper going back into the world (Matt. 13:18-23), that does not account for it all. What then do we need to consider with regard to helping people after baptism?

## Proper Organization

The Scripture declares that the local churches had shepherds and deacons leading the work (Phil. 1:1; Acts 14:23). In following this pattern, we insist that local churches be led in the same way rather than by a man-made pastor

system, board system, or hierarchy. Yet, we must be careful of having positional leadership. John Maxwell defines this as "people follow you because they have to" (John Maxwell, *The 5 Levels of Leadership*). The shepherd is appointed, but in name only. The seasoned Christian follows him because he is a shepherd in Christ's church, but the new saint has developed no such allegiance.

The main problem with leaders who are leaders in position, or name only, is that they are not truly doing what Christ has defined their role as being. The local evangelists are to organize efforts to reach the lost (2 Tim. 4:1-2), but instead are completely tied up in short time doing follow-up studies with new converts. The shepherds are to strengthen the weak and tend the flock (1 Pet. 5:1-4), but instead are completely tied up with physical concerns like how much money is in the account, what color the carpet should be, and if we should purchase a new copier. The deacons are to tend the physical needs of the church (Acts 6:2-6), but instead do not know what to do and are waiting for every instruction from the shepherds. In short order, the evangelists no longer have time to win souls, the shepherds do not have time to tend the souls that are won and growth stops and decline sets in. Souls are never won that could have been with more effective leadership and souls that were won are lost as they fall through the cracks. We must carefully examine not only the positions and qualifications, but also the tasks these positions entail.

## Follow-Up Material

We use single presentation methods of teaching the lost at the church in Mauriceville as this was the pattern in the book of Acts. Solid follow-up study is crucial as the knowledge of the new saint is very limited. While counting the cost with the individual prior to baptism, we get a commitment from him to study with us weekly for six weeks after baptism from a book that we wrote for this purpose. A follow-up study book is easy to write for most any preacher and adds a nice personal touch to the studies. There are also many study books that can be purchased that suit this purpose well.

One of the strengths of the single presentation teaching method is that studies are easier to set because the initial commitment is low. You are only asking for an hour of a person's time. The same is true of the follow-up study. Five or six lessons is far easier to commit to than thirteen or seventeen. In the end six solid lessons that are heard are more valuable than thirteen that are never heard because the study wanes.

Whatever we choose to use, it is important that we use something. A follow-up study is going to go much better when we go into it with a plan. It keeps the study leader on task, reduces the risk of introducing topics earlier than the person is ready to hear them, eliminates rabbit trails, and is comforting to the new convert to have a plan. It is also good that they have the book to refer to and study from throughout the week and even to look back to after the study concludes. If a person would prefer to just use the Bible in study, that is a good thing as well, but a simple sheet with a lesson plan on it and passages that will be considered will still make the study more likely to succeed.

## Community

Acts 2 demonstrates to us that there was a strong community established upon Pentecost. They were seeing one another in some capacity daily (Acts 2:42, 46-47). While the

schedules of today prohibit large-scale daily interaction, the need to have community is still our responsibility. We can do this in a number of ways such as a daily Bible reading that the church does together, a daily note from the church's social media page or email, monthly home Bible studies or potlucks, or simply calling to check on them to name a few. The new saint needs to be a part of the community of believers, but also feels that he is a part.

It is not enough to tell a new convert that they now have a new family in Christ. They must be incorporated. Sometimes we may exclude new saints without even realizing we are doing so. This is not just something to be left up to chance. Organized effort should be in place to help the new saint build relationships with others. Just because an opportunity has been announced does not mean that the new saint understands what it is, that they are invited, and that they are welcomed. The new saint needs to be approached for a while and specifically invited to the various opportunities brethren are organizing.

## Tasks

The new saint desires to be a part of what is happening but can often have a hard time finding his place on his own. The church needs to find something for the new saint to do. We have identified dozens of tasks that the deacons oversee that must be done. As the church grows, that list grows, as does the size of the tasks that had already been identified. While many brethren feel that the only tasks are those that are witnessed in the public assembly, the truth is these just represent a small part of what must be done.

The church, as it strives to be properly organized, needs to spell out these tasks that are expected of the deacons. The deacons in turn must seek out brethren to help them accomplish these works. Thus, it largely falls on the deacons to find something for new saints to do in helping him carry out his work. It is best for the deacon.

It is best for the new saint. It is best for the work in that community.

## Long-suffering

God's word repeatedly tells us to be patient with the weak (1 Thess. 5:14). For whatever reason many times people who are divisive and sinful are tolerated because they are there all the time, but a weak person who struggles with attending services is "disciplined." Yet the words of the New Testament declare that we are to patiently strengthen the weak. I knew of one circumstance where a person had the misfortune of being brought to Christ near the holidays. In ignorance the new saint thanked God during the closing prayer for the Christmas season and sending His Son. The preacher had to literally place himself between the new saint and the mob of brethren coming to correct the travesty!

The easy thing is to run off the new convert with unreasonable expectations. He does not know how he should act. He does not know our customs and traditions. He does not know our way of dress and speech. He stumbles and falls and is just generally a mess as he tries to figure it all out. He is exactly what we should expect him to be! It is we who must be what Christ declares and the new saint needs! I am thankful for those who patiently taught me the truth and patiently helped me through my weaknesses. May we be the same for the new saint as we were once fortunate enough ourselves to have.

## Conclusion

It is hard work winning souls. It is even harder work tending to those souls. Yet it is the work that we have been called to do. With some forethought on the matter and preparation, we can grow and be more successful in our efforts to strengthen the weak and retain those that have been taught the truth. **T**



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## Evangelism

# God Gives the Increase

By Mark Mayberry

**T**he statement, “*God gives the increase,*” occurring in 1 Corinthians 3:6-7, helps us maintain proper perspective as preachers and teachers. Contextually, Paul condemned the carnality of the Corinthians. Filled with jealousy and strife, one says, “I am of Paul,” and another, “I am of Apollos.” Such competitiveness is childish and divisive (1 Cor. 1:10-13; 3:1-17).

## Attitudes to Avoid

If we are puffed up regarding our ability or accomplishments (or that of our favorite preacher/teacher), remember Paul’s admonition: “*Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively applied to myself and Apollos for your sakes, so that in us you may learn not to exceed what is written, so that no one of you will become arrogant in behalf of one against the other. For who regards you as superior? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?*” (1 Cor. 4:6-7).

Furthermore, let us not emphasize technique over truth. May we avoid a “sales quota” or “salesman of the year” mentality. Selling involves communicating the benefits of a given product or service to a potential customer. Every occupation involves some degree of selling, of a product or process, aptitude or ability, talent or technology. While sales is a legitimate and honorable enterprise, some approaches (such as the use of high pressure tactics, manipulation, or misrepresentation) are clearly deficient.

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The gospel of Christ has obvious benefits and blessings which must be effectively communicated. Yet, focus should be upon the power of the Word, not our own persuasiveness. Let us present the truth honestly and accurately, not watering down or adulterating its message (Ezek. 3:16-21; 2 Tim. 4:1-5).

## Attitudes to Cultivate

In the place of pride, let us cultivate a spirit of humility (Prov. 16:19; Rom. 12:16). God is everything, but we are nothing (Psa. 33:16-17; Eccl. 9:11). Life-changing power resides not in an inspiring presentation, but in the inspired Word of God (Isa. 55:10-11; Rom. 1:16-17; Heb. 4:12). God gives the increase, not only in conversions, but also in personal growth (1 Cor. 1:26-31; 15:9-11).

While individual efforts are important, we are part of a bigger picture. The term “fellow workers” occurs frequently, referring to brethren well-known and unknown. These include Aristarchus, Mark and Jesus/

Justus (Col. 4:10-11), Clement, etc. (Phil. 4:3), Epaphroditus (Phil. 2:25), Paul and Apollos (1 Cor. 3:9), Philemon, Epaphras, Mark, Aristarchus, Demas and Luke (Phile. 1, 23-24), Prisca and Aquila (Rom. 16:3), Timothy (Rom. 16:21; 1 Thess. 3:2), Titus (2 Cor. 8:23), Urbanus (Rom. 16:9), and other unnamed brethren (3 John 8).

Faithful workers are one, united in precept and purpose; yet, each is rewarded according to his own labor. Are we well known or unknown? It matters not. Shifting the focus from self to the Savior, let us preach the Word, planting and watering as time and opportunity permits, praising God for any resulting growth. **T**



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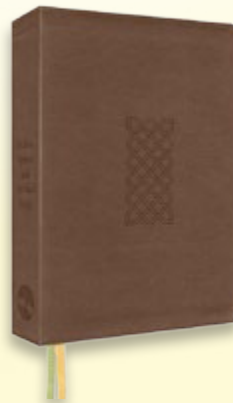
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# Alessandro Corazza

By Arrigo Corazza

It is an honor for me to describe briefly my father's activity in the Kingdom of God. As we will see, due to historical condition, his was a very unusual experience.

Alessandro (a.k.a. Sandro) Corazza was born in Frascati (Rome) on February 21, 1926. Frascati is a very pleasant little town (population 2009: 19,830) located 12 miles southeast of Rome on the Alban Hills close to the ancient city of Tusculum (Roman times). Famous for its history and for the many notable villas, built from the 16<sup>th</sup> century onward by the princes of the Roman Catholic Church (Popes, cardinals, and Roman nobles), Frascati was the headquarters of Albert Kesselring (1885-1960), the overall German commander in the Mediterranean theatre during World War II. This led to the disastrous bombing of Frascati on September 8, 1943, the very day of the announced Armistice between Italy and the Allied Forces.

Sandro was the last of five children in the richest family of Frascati. His father, a professional violinist who played with Puccini, Mascagni, and Toscanini, was the owner of stores and houses (my first cousin still owns my grandfather's Stradivari). One of Sandro's brothers, who taught chemistry to Mussolini's sons, was the founder of the Democratic Christian Party, the ruling political force in Italy for almost fifty years. To complete the wealthy status of the Corazza family and for the full pleasure of Sandro's mother, a very devout Catholic lady, a priest was needed. Thus, Sandro, who was



*Sandro and Elisabetta.*

extremely brilliant minded, was sent, with other kids of similar social status, to the local Seminary. It was the "fatal" year 1936, when Mussolini proclaimed the return of the Empire on the Seven Hills after conquering Ethiopia. Disgracefully, all the kids in the Seminary went through the terrible experience of physical abuse. As a result of it, Sandro felt a profound disgust for the Catholic Church and for everything it represented (God included).

Twelve years later (1948), while he was working in one of his father's stores (photo shop), Sandro met a young, very tall, skinny boy from Texas, who had problems with his camera. But they could not communicate. To make short a long story, the two became friends to the point of Sandro teaching Italian to the American and vice versa. What was the common ground? The Bible. The smart American, who turned out to be a gospel preacher of the Church of Christ living close by my grandfather's store, propose to read the Bible both in English and in Italian. So, when they arrived at 1 Timothy 3, Sandro, who had never read the Bible,

like the rest of Italians, learned that the bishop must be married. In that very second, his life changed and the life of many of his family after him.

On March 21, 1949, he was baptized according to the New Testament and was the only Italian worshipping with the group of American preachers who had settled in Frascati. He married my mother, Elisabetta, soon after and began preaching in the north of Italy, in Milano. Returning to Rome, he began serving the local Church of Christ together with American missionaries. In 1953, my brother, Stefano, was born; in 1955 I was born in front of the Colosseum. An Italian-American doctor helped my mother to deliver me.

In the Fifties the preaching of the Gospel in Italy produced good results: from North to South, more than fifty Churches were founded. It was a difficult time, though: Italian authorities, led by the Catholic Church, were refusing visas to Americans, kicking them out of the country, closing sometimes the meeting places of the brethren. One of the legacies of Fascism



was the Concordat with the Roman Catholic Church (February 11, 1929) by which Catholicism became the official religion of Italy (until 1984). It is worth noting that 95% of the population was Catholic by then. Other religious expressions were merely tolerated, if not persecuted. This climate remained even after the coming of democracy in Italy after twenty-two years of fascism. In the Sixties things got better for the Italian brethren regarding external foes, but a new, terrible danger came from within: liberalism and institutionalism etc. (a Bible School was created in Florence). These new enemies were brought in the life of the churches through the influence of American missionaries, who held the economical possibilities (support for Italian preachers, funds, etc.). My father, who had given up all of his family richness because of irreconcilable divergences with his mother (my grandfather had earlier died in 1945, age sixty), was depending on American support. Though he did not agree with what was going on and grew in open conflict with the U.S. brethren serving in Italy, he went back to secular work, being fully convinced that there was no way to dialogue with American preachers. He believed that all the American preachers were liberals in their attitude toward the Gospel. but he was wrong. Brother Rodolfo Berdini (Church of Christ, Aprilia) and brother Antonino Buta (Church of Christ, Messina), two preachers his age, and brother Roberto Tondelli, a very young preacher (Church of Christ, Pomezia), came in possession of a copy of a magazine, *Searching the Scriptures*, edited by brother H. E. Phillips and brother Connie W. Adams. This paper was instrumental to some Italian preachers (also to brother Vincenzo Ruggiero, in the Naples area) in knowing that fighting was going on among American brethren on the institutional issue. These Italian brethren informed Sandro of the new discovery. It came to pass that several American brethren were invited to preach in Italy – I could remember here the likes of Connie

Adams, James W. Adams, Roy E. Cogdill, H. E. Phillips, Foy Vinson, and Robert Harkrider.

The above listed Italian brethren began to struggle for the Biblical truth with a new awareness, knowledge and understanding of the issue they were facing. A newspaper edited by Sandro, *Sentieri Diritti (Straight Paths)*, began to circulate among the Italian brotherhood. *Sentieri Diritti* was well received, thanks to the good contribution of the Italian preachers involved against institutionalism. In the same time, a new generation of Italian preachers grew. Taken to study in the U.S.A. by Roy Cogdill (myself) and by H. E. Phillips (my brother Stefano and Gianni Berdini), these very young preachers began to move around, serving some churches that got interested in leaving institutionalism. Thus Gianni Berdini went to Trieste, Stefano Corazza to Udine (where Valerio Marchi, a new preacher came from), myself to Alessandria. It was the beginning of the Eighties.

My father is the only preacher still alive among those of his age. We, the young ones by then, are getting “mature,” after almost forty years of full-time service. The American brethren, in this long span of time, have kept supporting us faithfully. Our preaching in Italy is still pioneering, after sixty-five years. It is still extremely difficult to preach in Italy. While it is true that the sound preaching of the gospel is difficult everywhere, it is also true that Italy is a unique country. *Made in Italy* does not refer only to Ferrari, fashion, food, Rome, Florence, Pisa, Siena, Venice, Naples, Pompeii, etc., but also to the Roman Empire, the Roman Catholic



Pat Boone and Sandro Rome 1960.

Church, the Mafia and Fascism – truly historical creations of the Italians. To change things in the most Catholic country in the world takes a long time. We talk about “mentality.” “The history of mentalities is the history of slowness in history” (Jacques Les Goff). Probably we won’t see such a radical change in our earthly lives.

Nowadays, things keep going on well in those Italian churches of Christ that oppose liberalism. From time to time, we have internal problems (that is physiological, in church life), but liberalism and institutionalism have been banned forever (nevertheless, we are always aware of the danger of



Sandro and the Cogdills Rome 1976.

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Sandro and Wyndal.



Sandro Elisabetta wedding with Harold Paden 1949.

these heretical ways of living the faith in Jesus Christ; we are very cautious).

Before closing a few remarks need to be made.

1. Sandro is still active in the kingdom, notwithstanding his age. He has produced, through the years, an impressive work of translation in Italian of the major good books written by faithful American brethren – commentaries like *Truth Commentaries*, Roy Cogdill’s groundbreaking works, etc. Together with my brother Stefano, he’s one of the Elders at Via Sannio Church of Christ in Rome. He has been serving the Lord since 1949. His work has stood the test of time so far.

2. The name of the young, tall, skinny boy from Seagraves, Texas who converted my father was Wyndal

H. Hudson. He was born in 1928 and passed away some time ago. He deserves to be remembered here for the tremendous effect he had in the life of my father (and, consequently, of my family). I want to acknowledge with joy and gratitude Sandro’s and Wyndal’s efforts in the Kingdom of God.

3. None of my father’s original family ever obeyed the Gospel. Instead, all from my mother’s family (but one) obeyed the Gospel. Stefano and I have children who became Christians; we are now granddaddies. My granddaughter, Sara (born January 15, 2014), is always present at the worship services in Pisa. Sometimes I look at her and see in her blue eyes the greatness of the gospel, which started out in my family with my dad obeying the gospel. Everything started out when a tall, skinny boy

from Texas went in the photo shop owned by my grandfather because his camera would not work properly and was served by Alessandro Corazza.

4. One last curiosity: Alessandro Corazza can be translated in English with Alessandro Breastplate. *Nomen omen*, would the Latin say. It means: “the name is a sign” of the person who bears it. That was really true for my dad. Hope and pray it can be also for my brother and for myself looking always for the justice of God. **T**



Arrigo Corazza

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Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 10 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
(501) 339-6917

### FT. SMITH

South 46th St. church of Christ  
2323 South 46th Street  
Bible Study 9:45 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Shawn Chancellor  
(870) 648-2898 or (479) 782-0588

### JACKSONVILLE

church of Christ  
1807 McArthur Drive  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
(501) 982-6413 - church bldg  
(501) 533-8801 - Jason Lankford  
[www.mcarthurdrccoc.com](http://www.mcarthurdrccoc.com)

### JONESBORO

Stone Street church of Christ  
1607 Stone Steet  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Dick Blackford (870) 933-9134

### LITTLE ROCK

church of Christ  
7115 West 65th Street  
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 10 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Don McClain, Res. (501) 847-6677  
Study (501) 568-1062

### PARAGOULD

Village Creek church of Christ  
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 9:50 A.M.  
Wednesday 7 P.M., Sunday 5 P.M.  
Evangelist: Dwight Harrison  
[www.villagecreekchurchofchrist.com](http://www.villagecreekchurchofchrist.com)

### PINE BLUFF

church of Christ  
4700 W. 28th Street  
Bible Study 9:45 A.M., Worship 10:35 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Clarence W. Fell (870) 879-2097

### POCAHONTAS

Westside church of Christ  
3644 Hwy 90 West • P.O. Box 43  
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 9:45 A.M.  
Afternoon 1 P.M., Wednesday 6:30 P.M.  
Herbert Starr, Evangelist

### ROGERS

Central church of Christ  
201 South 19th Street, Ste. N  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 6:30 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Earl Mitchell: (479) 636-7484

## TEXARKANA

church of Christ  
2301 Franklin Drive  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:15 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Rick Boswell

## ARIZONA

### GLENNDALE

church of Christ  
6801 N. 60th Avenue  
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 9:40 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
Evangelist: Steven Harper

### TUCSON

church of Christ  
145 N. Country Club Road  
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 10 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Hugh Delong  
(520) 326-3634 or 722-3179

## CALIFORNIA

### ALAMEDA

Alameda church of Christ  
2167 Santa Clara Avenue  
Bible Study 9:45 A.M., Worship 10:50 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
Call Us! (510) 523-9547  
[www.alamedachurchofchrist.com](http://www.alamedachurchofchrist.com)

### BELLFLOWER

Rose Ave. church of Christ  
17903 Ibbetson Ave.  
Bible Study 9:45 A.M., Worship 10:50 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
(562) 866-5615, <http://www.roseavenue.org>

### CANOGA PARK

(San Fernando Valley)  
church of Christ  
7054 Winnetka Ave.  
Bible Study 9:45 A.M., Worship 10:45 A.M.  
Afternoon 2:30 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
Minister: Bruce Evans (818) 795-5566  
Spanish congregation (818) 701-0112

### DUBLIN

Dublin church of Christ  
11873 Dublin Blvd. CA 94568  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
Evangelist: Joshua Higgins (925) 828-8747

### FOLSOM

church of Christ  
900 E. Natomas St. • P.O. Box 492  
Sun. Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Sun. Worship 10:30  
A.M., Sun. Bible Study 4 P.M., Wed. Bible Study  
7:30 P.M.  
Evangelist: David Posey  
(530) 676-9514 or (916) 608-4866  
[www.folsomchurch.com](http://www.folsomchurch.com)

### FREMONT

Centerville church of Christ  
3885 Beacon Ave, Ste D., Fremont, CA 94538  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., (510) 794-7659

### LONG BEACH

church of Christ  
3433 Studebaker Rd.  
Bible Study 9:50 A.M., Worship 10:45 A.M.  
Evening 5:30 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
JP Flores (562) 420-2363  
Mark Reeves (562) 420-9577  
[www.JustChristians.org](http://www.JustChristians.org)

## OCEANSIDE-VISTA

church of Christ  
2020 Sunset Dr.  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
(760) 940-8003

## COLORADO

### GRAND JUNCTION

church of Christ Western Slope  
2923 North Ave., Unit 3  
Grand Junction, CO 81504  
Worship 10:30 A.M., Evening 5 P.M.  
Wed. Bible Study 6 P.M.  
[www.churchofchristwesternslope.com](http://www.churchofchristwesternslope.com)

### LOVELAND

Poudre Valley church of Christ  
4202 North Garfield Avenue  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Afternoon 1:30 P.M.  
Evangelist: Richard Thetford (970) 667-0469  
[www.poudrevalleychurchofchrist.org](http://www.poudrevalleychurchofchrist.org)

## MONTROSE

San Juan church of Christ  
1414 Hawk Parkway, Unit C  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.  
Evening 2 P.M., (970) 249-8116

## DELAWARE

### MILTON

Lighthouse church of Christ  
14574 Coastal Hwy. Rt. 1  
Worship 9:30 A.M., Sunday School 10:45 A.M.  
Wednesday 7 P.M., (302) 644-7379

## FLORIDA

### BROOKSVILLE

church of Christ  
604 W. Fort Dade Ave.  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 10:50 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
Evangelist: V.C. McCormick (352) 796-9803

### DESTIN

South Walton church of Christ  
64 Casting Lake Road  
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 10 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
(850) 622-3817  
[www.southwaltonchurchofchrist.com](http://www.southwaltonchurchofchrist.com)

### FORT LAUDERDALE

Northside church of Christ  
912 NW 19th St.  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
(954) 763-1404

### FORT MYERS

church of Christ  
200 Pine Island Rd.  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:15 A.M.  
Evening 6:30 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
Evangelist: Vernon E. Ford (239) 567-2170

### FORT MYERS

Southside church of Christ  
13641 Learning Court  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: David P. Schmidt  
(239) 433-2838 or 482-2158

### FORT WALTON BEACH

church of Christ  
6 Lane Dr., Mary Esther, FL  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Joey Rankin (850) 244-9222

## FROSTPROOF

Frostproof church of Christ  
40 W. "A" St., Frostproof, FL 33483  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Wednesday 7 P.M., (863) 635-2607 or 635-4278

## GENEVA

church of Christ  
Ave. C and 2nd St.  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:45 A.M.  
(407) 349-9998

## JACKSONVILLE

Marietta church of Christ  
8150 Driggers Street  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Jamie Rhoden, (904) 781-5704  
or 693-0432, [www.mariettacoc.com](http://www.mariettacoc.com)

## KEY LARGO

Key Largo church of Christ  
100695 N. Overseas Hwy.  
33037 m.m. 100.7 on US 1  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: William LeDent (305) 451-1194

## MIAMI

church of Christ  
Eglise du Christ de Miami  
8343 NE 3rd Court  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.  
Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Minister: Junot Joseph (305) 244-8295

## MIAMI

Flagler Grove church of Christ  
(Nearest to Airport), 500 N.W. 53rd Ave.  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
Evangelist: John Buttrick (305) 634-5924

## MIAMI

church of Christ  
12780 Quail Roost Dr.  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Clark Pace  
(305) 233-9590 or (954) 430-1437

## OCALA

Anthony church of Christ  
9778 N.E. Jacksonville Rd., Anthony, FL 32617  
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 10 A.M.  
Wednesday 6:30 P.M.  
Evangelist: Greg Cruz (352) 629-5505  
[www.anthonycoc.com](http://www.anthonycoc.com)

## ORLANDO

Pine Hills church of Christ  
890 Hastings Street  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
Evangelist: Ray West (407) 293-2851 or 290-8650

## ORLANDO

Azalea Park church of Christ  
6800 Lake Underhill Rd.  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
(407) 277-7931 or 628-2995

## ORLANDO

church of Christ at S. Bumby  
3940 S. Bumby Ave.  
Sunday Worship 9 A.M., Bible Study 10 A.M.  
Worship w/ communion 10:55 A.M. (No Evening Service), Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Adam Willingham  
Office: (407) 851-8031

## PALATKA

Palatka church of Christ  
505 Third Ave. (Third Ave. intersects Hwy. 19 one block south of Hwy. 20)  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Robert Skomp  
(386) 326-3952 or 546-5689

## PALMETTO

Palmetto church of Christ  
1575 14th Avenue W.  
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 10 A.M.  
Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
[www.palmettochurchofchrist.com](http://www.palmettochurchofchrist.com)  
(941) 722-1307

## PANAMA CITY BEACH

Beach church of Christ  
8910 Front Beach Rd.  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
(850) 234-2521

## PENSACOLA

East Hill church of Christ  
2078 E. Nine Mile Rd. at Camberwell Rd.  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Hal Hammons  
(850) 479-2130 or (850) 602-8420

## SEFFNER

church of Christ  
621 E. Wheeler Rd.  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 10:50 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
Evangelist: Bobby Witherington (813) 684-1297  
[www.seffnercoc.org](http://www.seffnercoc.org)

## GEORGIA

### CENTERVILLE

Centerville church of Christ  
250 Collins Ave. (Near Robins AFB)  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
Evangelist: J. Wiley Adams (478) 922-1158

### CONYERS

Rockdale church of Christ  
East Metro Atlanta, 705 Smyrna Road  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 5:30 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
Forrest Bacon, elder (770) 918-1932  
Wendell Holland, elder (770) 761-6987  
Building (770) 929-3973

### PINE MTN. VALLEY

church of Christ  
Route 116 (near Callaway Gardens)  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
Evangelist: Tommy W. Thomas  
(706) 628-5117 or 628-5229

### SAVANNAH

Costal church of Christ  
7201 Johnny Mercer Blvd  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.  
Wednesday 6:30 P.M., Evangelist: Ron Nelson  
[ronaldnelson1@gmail.com](mailto:ronaldnelson1@gmail.com), (912) 306-4631  
[www.coastalchurchofchrist.com](http://www.coastalchurchofchrist.com)

### VALDOSTA

Gonwood church of Christ  
4030 Mulligan Rd. (4 miles S. of Moody, Next to Fred's Store on Bemiss Rd.), Valdosta, GA 31605  
Sun. Bible Class 10 A.M., Sun. Worship 11 A.M.  
Sun. Evening 6 P.M., Wed. Eve. Bible Class 7 P.M.  
(229) 219-8449 or (229) 300-3739  
[agoselpreacher@gmail.com](mailto:agoselpreacher@gmail.com)

### VALDOSTA

church Of Christ  
4313 North Valdosta Rd.  
(Located 1 mile E. of Exit 22 off I-75)  
Worship 9 A.M., Bible Study 10 A.M.  
Communion 11 A.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
(229) 244-8630, [www.northvaldostacoc.com](http://www.northvaldostacoc.com)

## HAWAII

### ISLAND OF OAHU

Leeward church of Christ  
94-1233 Waipahu St., Waipahu, HI 96797  
(15 mi. from Honolulu; 18 mi. from Waikiki)  
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 10 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
[www.leewardchurchofchrist.org](http://www.leewardchurchofchrist.org)

## IOWA

### GRINSELL

church of Christ  
1402 Third Ave.  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Wednesday 7 P.M.  
(641) 521-6485, (641) 236-3883  
[www.grinnellcoc.com](http://www.grinnellcoc.com)

### DES MOINES

church of Christ  
1310 N.E. 54th Ave.  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:40 A.M.  
Wednesday 7 P.M., (515) 262-6799

## IDAHO

### BLACKFOOT

church of Christ  
370 N. Shilling • P.O. Box 158-83221  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.  
Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
(208) 785-6168 or 681-1552

## ILLINOIS

### CHICAGO

church of Christ  
1514 West 74th Street  
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 1 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: James E. Scott  
Bldg. (773) 224-9279, (708) 339-6126

### DOWNERS GROVE

church of Christ  
1236 63rd St., (1 and 1/2 mile E. of I355)  
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 9:55 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
(630) 968-0760 • [www.dgccc.org](http://www.dgccc.org)

### GLENN ELLYN

church of Christ  
796 Prairie, 60137  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
Evangelist: Joseph T. Novak  
(630) 529-2149, (630) 858-2290

### MATTOON

Southside church of Christ  
1100 S. 17th Street  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
(217) 234-3702

### PALATINE

church of Christ  
(N.W. Chicago Suburb), 1050 N. Deer Ave.  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 2 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
(847) 967-9667

### SOUTH HOLLAND

Southeast church of Christ  
16224 S Vincennes Ave.  
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 10 A.M.  
Evening 4 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Donald Hawkins, (708) 339-1008  
[www.southeastchurchofchrist.com](http://www.southeastchurchofchrist.com)

## INDIANA

### CLARKSVILLE

Clarksville church of Christ  
407 W. Lewis & Clark Parkway  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
Evangelist: Brian Anderson (812) 944-2305  
or (812) 948-9917, [www.clarksvillechurch.org](http://www.clarksvillechurch.org)

### GREENWOOD

Greenwood church of Christ  
371 W. Main Street  
Sun. Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 4:30 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelists: Neil Tremblett  
(317) 888-8288  
[www.churchofchristatgreenwood.org](http://www.churchofchristatgreenwood.org)

## HOBART

church of Christ  
300 N. Liberty Street  
Bible Study 9:45 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Jerry Cleek (219) 942-2663

## INDIANAPOLIS

Castleton church of Christ  
7701 East 86th St., 46256  
Sun. Worship 9:30 A.M., Bible Study 10:25 A.M.  
Worship 11:15 A.M., Wed. Bible Study 7 P.M.  
(317) 710-1204

## JAMESTOWN

church of Christ  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:25 A.M.  
Evening 4 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Greg King  
(765) 676-6404 or (765) 891-9443  
[www.jamestowncoc.com](http://www.jamestowncoc.com)

## MARION

South Marion church of Christ  
3629 S. Washington St.  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Alan Jones (765) 922-7602  
[www.southmarionchurchofchrist.org](http://www.southmarionchurchofchrist.org)

## OOITIC

church of Christ  
400 Lafayette Ave. • P.O. Box 34  
Bible Study 9:45 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M. Wednesday 7 P.M.  
(812) 279-4332

## PEKIN

church of Christ  
(First St. & Karnes Ct.)  
Bible Study 9:45 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Jeremy Goen  
(812) 967-3437 or 967-3520  
[www.pekinchurchofchrist.com](http://www.pekinchurchofchrist.com)

## PLAINFIELD

church of Christ West  
2028 Stafford Rd., Ste. C., (Marsh Shopping Cntr.)  
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 9:50 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Johnie Edwards  
(317) 964-9404 or (317) 839-1769  
[www.churchofchristwest.org](http://www.churchofchristwest.org)

## SAINT LEON, IN

Church of Christ  
7140 Hyland Rd., Guildford, IN 47022  
I74 exit 164 1 mile south on SR 1  
Bible study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 6:00 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
812-637-1252 or 513-367-7871

## SALEM

Westside church of Christ  
2000 West State Rd. 56  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 10:45 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
(812) 883-2033, [www.westsidechurchofchrist.net](http://www.westsidechurchofchrist.net)

## TRAFALGAR

Spearsville Rd. church of Christ, 6244 S. 500W.  
(1.2 mi. S. of Hwy. 135)  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Ed Rangel. (317) 878-5969  
[www.trafalgarchurch.com](http://www.trafalgarchurch.com)

## KANSAS

### TOPEKA

17th Street church of Christ  
5600 SW 17th St.  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 4 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
(785) 235-8687 or 273-7977  
[www.17thstreetchurchofchrist.org](http://www.17thstreetchurchofchrist.org)

## KENTUCKY

### AUSTIN

Peter's Creek church of Christ  
856 Thomerson Park Rd.  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening (Nov-Mar) 5 P.M., Evening (Apr-Oct) 6 P.M.  
Evangelist: Justin Monts (270) 404-2171 or 646-0498, [www.peterscreekcoc.com](http://www.peterscreekcoc.com)

### BEAVER DAM

church of Christ  
1235 Williams St.  
Worship 10 A.M., Bible Study After Worship  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Mike Thomas  
(270) 274-4451 or 274-4486

### BRANDENBURG

Brandenburg church of Christ  
612 Broadway  
Bible Study 9:45 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 6:30 P.M.  
Evangelist: Charles J. White (270) 422-3878

### CAMPBELLSVILLE

Sunny Hill Dr. church of Christ  
(near the Dairy Queen)  
AM Worship 9:30 A.M., AM Bible Study 10:30 A.M.  
AM Worship 11:30 A.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Steve Lee (270) 789-1651  
[stevelee4510@windstream.net](mailto:stevelee4510@windstream.net)  
[www.sunnyhillcoc.com](http://www.sunnyhillcoc.com)

### CANEYVILLE

Caneyville church of Christ  
103 N. Main St. • P.O. Box 233  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 10:45 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Jarrod Jacobs (270) 589-4167,  
(270) 274-3065 or (502) 724-2231

### DANVILLE

church of Christ  
385 E. Lexington Ave.  
Worship 10 A.M., Bible Study 11:15 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Scott Vifquain (859) 236-4204

### FRANKLIN

31-W North church of Christ  
1733 Bowling Green Road  
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 10 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Steve Monts, (270) 586-3978  
[www.31wchurchofchrist.com](http://www.31wchurchofchrist.com)

### HODGENVILLE

Hodgenville church of Christ  
613 S Lincoln Blvd.  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Don Brady (270) 358-6053  
[Dbrady1295@aol.com](mailto:Dbrady1295@aol.com)

### LEITCHFIELD

Mill St. church of Christ  
733 Mill Street, Highway 62 E.  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 10:55 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Michael Hardin  
(270) 259-4968 or (270) 300-3239  
[www.millstreetchurchofchrist.org](http://www.millstreetchurchofchrist.org)

### LOUISVILLE

Valley Station church of Christ  
1803 Dixie Garden Drive  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
Evangelist: Dudley Ross Spears (502) 937-2822

## LOUISIANA

### GONZALES

Southside church of Christ  
405 Orice Roth Road, 70737, (Baton Rouge area)  
Bible Class 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: R.J. Evans (225) 622-4587  
[rjevans@eatel.net](mailto:rjevans@eatel.net)

### MANY

Lakeside church of Christ  
12095 Texas Hwy. (Hwy. 6 W.)  
12 miles west of Many  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
(318) 256-9396

### STONEWALL

N. DeSoto church of Christ  
2071 Highway 171 (South of Shreveport)  
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 10 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
(318) 925-2733

## MARYLAND

### SEVERN

Southwest church of Christ  
805 Meadow Rd.  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
Evangelist: Brandon Trout  
(410) 969-1420 or (410) 551-6549  
[www.swcofchrist.com](http://www.swcofchrist.com)

### RIVERDALE

Wildercroft church of Christ  
6330 Auburn Ave., (Washington, D.C. area)  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
Evangelist: Antoine Holloway  
(301) 474-7460 or (301) 741-0012

## MAINE

### PORTLAND

church of Christ • 856 Brighton Ave.  
Leave Maine Turnpike at Exit 48  
(Breakwater School)  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.  
Second service immediately following morning  
worship. Mid-week Bible Study. Please call for  
times & places. (207) 839-3075 or 839-8409

## MICHIGAN

### CEDAR SPRINGS

W. Michigan church of Christ  
Sr. Citizen Center, 44 Park Street  
(Grand Rapids Area)  
Worship 11 A.M., Bible Study 12:30 P.M.  
Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Joseph Gladwell, (616) 975-2778  
[westmichcofc10@yahoo.com](mailto:westmichcofc10@yahoo.com)

## MINNESOTA

### DULUTH

church of Christ  
4401 Glenwood St.  
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 10 A.M.  
Bible Study 5:30 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Taylor Ladd (218) 728-3233

### ST. CHARLES

church of Christ  
636 Whitewater Ave.  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.  
Wednesday 7 P.M., call for location  
Bible Study 2:15 P.M.  
FREE Bible correspondence studies  
Evangelist: Robert Lehnertz (507) 534-2905

## MISSISSIPPI

### BOONEVILLE

Oakleigh Dr. church of Christ  
101 Oakleigh Dr.  
Bible Study 9:45 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 4 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Building: (662) 728-1942

### CLINTON

McRaven Rd. church of Christ  
301 McRaven Rd. (I20, exit 36)  
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 10 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Leonard White  
(601) 925-9757 or 924-2645

### MERIDIAN

Grandview church of Christ  
2820 Grandview Ave.  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.  
Sun. Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 6:30 P.M.  
(601) 482-0543, (601) 479-3394 or (601) 934-3675  
Contacts: Ron Cooper & Jim Young  
[youngins@comcast.net](mailto:youngins@comcast.net)

### MERIDIAN

7th St. church of Christ  
2914 7th Street  
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 10 A.M.  
(601) 483-3101

### SOUTHAVEN

church of Christ  
2110 E State Line Rd. (Exit I-55), (Memphis area)  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: James A. Brown  
(662) 342-1132 - church Building

## MISSOURI

### BLUE SPRINGS

Southside church of Christ  
4000 SW Christiansen  
Worship 9 A.M., Bible Study 10 A.M.  
Worship 11 A.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Brett Hogland (816) 228-9262

### CAPE GIRARDEAU

North Cape church of Christ  
121 S. Broadview St. Suite 2,  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M. CST/6 P.M. DST, Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Jerry Lee Westbrook (573)334-9673

### DONIPHAN

Southside church of Christ  
Hwy. 142 E. ½ mile (P.O. Box 220)  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
(573) 996-3251 or 996-3513

### FAIR GROVE

church of Christ  
217 N. Orchard Blvd.  
Bible Study 9 A.M., Bible Study 10 A.M.  
Worship 11 A.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Walter Myers (417) 830-8972 or (417)  
736-2663

### KENNETT

church of Christ  
703 Harrison St.  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
(573) 888-6778 or (870) 650-1648  
*Nolan Glover, Preacher, www.westsidchurchofchrist.us*

### LILBOURN

church of Christ  
P.O. Box 270 • 211 Benton St.  
Bible Study 9:45 A.M., Worship 10:45 A.M.  
Evening 5:30 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
Evangelist: Shane Williams, (573) 688-2234 or  
748-5204

### RAYTOWN

Sterling Ave. church of Christ  
5825 Sterling Ave. (Near Sports Complex)  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Norman E. Fultz, (816) 358-3096 or  
554-0836  
[www.sterlingavechurchofchrist.org](http://www.sterlingavechurchofchrist.org)

### ST. JAMES

church of Christ  
685 Sidney St.  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:15 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Lynn Huggins (573) 265-8628

### ST. JOSEPH

County Line church of Christ  
2727 County Line Rd.  
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 9:50 A.M.  
Evening 3 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
(816) 279-4737  
[www.countylinechurchofchrist.com](http://www.countylinechurchofchrist.com)

## NEBRASKA

### BEATRICE

church of Christ • 7th and Bell  
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 10 A.M.  
Evening 6:30 P.M., 233-4102 or 228-3827  
[www.churchofchrist7bell.com](http://www.churchofchrist7bell.com)

## NEW JERSEY

### VAUXHALL

church of Christ  
Milbourn Mall Suite 6., 2933 Vauxhall Rd.  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
Contact: Lian Powlette  
phone: (732) 824-7399  
email: [lionpow3@optonline.net](mailto:lionpow3@optonline.net)

## NEW MEXICO

### ALBUQUERQUE

Heights church of Christ  
7801 Zuni Road, S.E.  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Darrel Yontz (505) 266-7577  
[www.heightschurchofchrist.com](http://www.heightschurchofchrist.com)

## NEVADA

### RENO

Central church of Christ  
2450 Wrondel Way, Suite A  
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 10 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
(775) 786-2888

## NORTH CAROLINA

### CHARLOTTE

Charlotte church of Christ  
5327 S. Tyron Street  
Worship 9 A.M., Bible Study 10: A.M.  
Worship 11 A.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
(704) 525-5655

### HOPE MILLS

Gray's Creek church of Christ  
Gray's Community Bldg., School Road  
Worship 10 A.M., Bible Study 11 A.M.  
(910) 321-9023 or (910) 423-2879

## OHIO

### BEAVERCREEK

Knollwood church of Christ  
1031 Welford Drive  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:20 A.M.  
Afternoon 3 P.M., Wed. Afternoon 1 P.M.  
Wed. Evening 7:30 P.M.  
(937) 426-1422  
[www.knollwoodchurch.org](http://www.knollwoodchurch.org)

### CINCINNATI

Blue Ash church of Christ  
4667 Cooper Road  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 10:45 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Russell Dunaway, Jr. (513) 891-3174  
[www.blueashchurchofchrist.com](http://www.blueashchurchofchrist.com)

### CLEVELAND

Lorain Ave. church of Christ  
13501 Lorain Ave.  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
(216) 476-0660 or (330) 725-3960, 723-0111

### COLUMBUS

Laurel Canyon church of Christ  
409 McNaughton Road  
Bible Study 9:45 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
(614) 868-1375, [www.lccoc.net](http://www.lccoc.net)

### DAYTON

West Carrollton  
28 W. Main Street, 45449  
Early Worship 9 A.M., Bible Study 9:30 A.M.  
Worship 10:25 A.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Michael Grushon (937) 866-5162  
or 848-3779, [www.wc-coc.org](http://www.wc-coc.org)

## FRANKLIN

Franklin church of Christ  
6417 Franklin-Lebanon Rd. 45005  
Sun. Bible Study 10 A.M.  
Sun Worship 10:45 A.M.  
Tues. Bible Study 6:30 P.M.  
Evangelist: Josh Lee (937) 789-8055  
or (937) 746-1249, [www.franklin-church.org](http://www.franklin-church.org)

## FREMONT

church of Christ  
3361 W. State Street, 1 mi. W. of Fremont  
on U.S. Rt. 20  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 10:45 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
(419) 849-3340 or 849-2980  
[www.fremontchurchofchrist.com](http://www.fremontchurchofchrist.com)

## HAMILTON

Westview church of Christ  
1040 Azel Ave.  
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 9:45 A.M.  
Evening 6:30 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: David A. Stansberry (513) 868-9988

## HILLIARD

church of Christ  
4840 Cemetery Rd.  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
(614) 876-4089

## MANSFIELD

Eastside church of Christ  
326 Grace St.  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 10:45 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 6:30 P.M.  
Evangelist: James Bond (419) 526-2868

## MANSFIELD

Southside church of Christ  
687 Mansfield-Lucas Road  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 10:45 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 5 P.M.  
Leon Bond: (419) 525-3684  
church: (419) 522-8982

## MARIETTA-RENO

Marietta-Reno church of Christ  
80 Sandhill Road  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 6:30 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Daniel Ruegg: (740) 222-9160 or Steve Foutty:  
(740) 473-9028

## NEW CARLISLE

church of Christ  
235 Funston Ave. (Near Wright-Patterson AFB)  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Building phone: (937) 845-8467

## NEW RICHMOND

church of Christ  
550 Washington St.  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:20 A.M.  
Evening 6:30 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Contact: Dave Wylie (513) 553-6414  
[www.nrchurchofchrist.com](http://www.nrchurchofchrist.com)

## NORTHWOOD

Frey Road church of Christ  
4110 Frey Rd. (Toledo Area)  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Donald Jarabek  
(419) 893-3566, (419) 691-0688

## UHRICHSVILLE

church of Christ  
638 Parrish Street  
Bible Study 9:45 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 6:30 P.M., Mid-week 6:30 P.M.

## OKLAHOMA

### MCALESTER

North A St. church of Christ  
2120 No. A Street  
Bible Study 9:45 A.M., Worship 10:45 A.M.  
Evening 5:30 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Rob Lungstrum, Cell: (918) 931-1362  
Office: (918) 423-3445

### OKLAHOMA CITY

Seminole Pointe church of Christ  
16300 N. May Avenue  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: John M. Duvall (405) 340-3189  
or 513-6691, [www.seminolepointecofc.org](http://www.seminolepointecofc.org)

## OREGON

### MEDFORD

The Spring St. church of Christ  
1850 Spring St. (Roxy Ann Grange Hall)  
Corner of Spring/Valley View  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Thursday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Dean Blackwell (541) 773-2649

### SWEET HOME

church of Christ  
3702 E. Long Street  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.  
Evening 6:30 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
Building: (541) 367-1599

## PENNSYLVANIA

### PHILADELPHIA

church of Christ  
7222 Germantown Ave., 19119  
Bible Study 10:15 A.M., Worship 11:15 A.M.  
Tuesday night 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: James H. Baker, Jr. (215) 248-2026  
[www.mtairychurchofchrist.org](http://www.mtairychurchofchrist.org)

## SOUTH CAROLINA

### BEAUFORT

church of Christ  
2107 King Street  
Parris Island: Call for times, services for recruits  
only. Sunday 10 A.M., Wed. Bible Study 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Bryan Nash (843) 524-4400

### COLUMBIA

Lower Richland church of Christ  
3000 Trotter Rd. (Hopkins, SC)  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
(803) 730-0452, <http://lowerrichlandchurch.org>

### ORANGEBURG

Southside church of Christ  
1502 Binnicker Bridge Rd.  
(Grange Building - Hwy 70)  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11: A.M.  
Evangelist: Fred England (803) 939-0672  
[www.southside-church.org](http://www.southside-church.org)

### SUMTER

Woodland church of Christ  
3370 Broad St. Extension  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 5:30 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: A.A. Granke, Jr. (803) 499-6023

### WEST COLUMBIA

Airport church of Christ  
4013 Edmund Hwy. (Hwy. 302)  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.  
Evening 5:30 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Seth Mauldin, Buldg. (803) 834-6978  
<http://airport-church-of-christ.com>

## TENNESSEE

### COLUMBIA

Jackson Hts. church of Christ  
1200 Nashville Hwy., Hwy. 31N  
Bible Study 9:15 A.M., Worship 10:15 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Mid-week 7 P.M.  
Evangelists: Andrew Roberts & Shawn Jeffries:  
(931) 388-6811, [www.TheBibleWay.org](http://www.TheBibleWay.org)

## COLUMBIA

Mooresville Pike church of Christ  
417 Mooresville Pike  
(.8 mi. N. of Hwy. 50/Jas. Campbell)  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 3:30 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
(931) 388-5828 or (931) 381-7898  
[www.mooresvillepikecoc.com](http://www.mooresvillepikecoc.com)

## JACKSON

Sunset View church of Christ  
3618 Hwy 70 East  
(Exit 87 off I-40, 7mi. @ Spring Creek)  
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 10 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Steve Wilkerson (731) 967-0590  
or 968-9851

## JOHNSON CITY

Brookmead church of Christ  
2428 Lakeview Drive  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Kevin Kay (423) 282-6251 or 426-1836

## JONESBOROUGH

11-E church of Christ  
240 Headtown Road  
Bible Study 10:30 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Evangelist: David Wheeler  
(423) 557-9119 or (423) 948-6464  
[www.christianadmonisher.jigsy.com](http://www.christianadmonisher.jigsy.com)

## KINGSTON SPRINGS

Kingston Springs church of Christ  
350 North Main Street  
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 10 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Steve Walker, [www.ksccoc.com](http://www.ksccoc.com)

## KINGSPOUR

Kingsport church of Christ  
4938 Fort Henry Dr. • P.O. Box 554  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Tom Kinzel, Bldg.# (423) 239-3979  
or (423) 579-2002 • [www.kptcoc.org](http://www.kptcoc.org)

## MARVILLE

Smokey Mt. church of Christ  
2206 Montvale Road  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Harold Tabor (865) 977-4230  
Lon Spurgeon (865) 388-8749  
<http://tinyurl.com/smchurch>

## MEMPHIS

Rocky Pt. Road church of Christ  
516 E. Rocky Point Rd., Cordova  
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 10A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
[rockypointchurch@gmail.com](mailto:rockypointchurch@gmail.com)  
[www.rockypointchurch.org](http://www.rockypointchurch.org)

## MURFREESBORO

Cason Lane church of Christ  
1110 Cason Lane  
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 10 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
(615) 896-0090 (Building)  
[www.casonlanechurch.org](http://www.casonlanechurch.org)

## NASHVILLE

Bell Road church of Christ  
1608 Bell Road  
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 10 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Chris Pace (615) 833-4444

## NASHVILLE

Hillview church of Christ  
7471 Charlotte Pike  
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 10 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
(615) 952-5458 or (615) 356-7318  
Evangelist: Lee Wildman

## NASHVILLE

Perry Heights church of Christ  
423 Donelson Pike  
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 9:55 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Johnny Felker (615) 883-3118  
<http://perryheights.faithweb.com>

## PIGEON FORGE

King Branch Road church of Christ  
560 King Branch Road  
Worship 10 A.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Facilities available for Sunday evening services  
upon request.  
Evangelist: Roger Williams (865) 430-5980  
[www.KingBranchRoadchurchOfChrist.org](http://www.KingBranchRoadchurchOfChrist.org)

## SHELBYVILLE

El Bethel church of Christ  
1801 Hwy. 41-A North  
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 9:50 A.M.  
Evening 5:30 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Donnie W. Rader (931) 607-9099  
email: [dvdrader@live.com](mailto:dvdrader@live.com)

## SHELBYVILLE

Shelbyville Mills church of Christ  
1222 W. Jackson St.  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Jeff Curtis (931) 607-9118  
[djcurtis1963@hotmail.com](mailto:djcurtis1963@hotmail.com)

## TEXAS

### ALLEN

West Allen church of Christ  
1414 W. Exchange Blvd. (2 miles w. of Hwy. 75)  
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 9:50 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
Evangelist: Jerry King (214) 504-0443  
Building phone (972) 727-5355

### ALVIN

Adoue St. church of Christ  
605 E. Adoue Street  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
Evangelist: Mark Mayberry (281) 331-4953  
or (832) 837-9038

### AUSTIN

Schultz Lane church of Christ  
Faber Rd. & Schultz Ln., Pflugerville, TX 78660  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 2 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
Evangelist: Ron Lehde

### BAYTOWN

church of Christ at Pruett & Lobit  
701 North Pruett Street  
Bible Study 9:45 A.M., Worship 10:40 A.M.  
Evening 6:30 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Jesse Flowers (281) 515-8939  
Building: (281) 422-5926, Weldon: (713) 818-1321

### BEAUMONT

Dowlen Rd. church of Christ  
3060 Dowlen Road  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelists: Max Dawson, Kris Emerson &  
Benjamin Lee (409) 866-1996

### CONROE

Woodland Hills church of Christ  
410 Woodland Hills Dr., 77303  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Kurt G. Jones (936) 756-9322  
[www.conroechurch.com](http://www.conroechurch.com)

### CLEVELAND

church of Christ  
310 E. Houston Street  
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 10 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
Evangelist: Robert Davis (281) 592-5676  
[www.clevelandchurchofchrist.org](http://www.clevelandchurchofchrist.org)

### CORPUS CHRISTI

Hwy. 9 church of Christ  
Worship 10 A.M., Bible Study 11 A.M.  
Worship 12 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
Call for location: Keith Kalies (361) 776-2304  
or Patrick Frazier (361) 235-1990

### DICKINSON

church of Christ  
2919 FM 517 Road E.  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 10:50 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 9:45 A.M.  
Wednesday 7 P.M., (281) 534-4870  
[www.dickinsonchurchofchrist.org](http://www.dickinsonchurchofchrist.org)

## DALLAS

Methodist Street church of Christ  
211 Methodist St. • Red Oak TX, 75154  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: D. LeRoy Klice  
(972) 576-3119 or 363-7672  
[www.methodiststreetchurchofchrist.com](http://www.methodiststreetchurchofchrist.com)

## DUNCANVILLE

Whispering Hills church of Christ  
2126 S. Main (South Dallas)  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
(972) 298-2522, [info@whchurchofchrist.net](mailto:info@whchurchofchrist.net)

## EDNA

church of Christ  
301 Robison Street  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
(361) 782-5506 or 782-2844  
Elders: J. Mercer, S. Mercer & G. Nordin

## EL PASO

Eastridge church of Christ  
3277 Pendleton Road  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
(915) 855-1524

## FORT WORTH

Woodmont church of Christ  
6417 Landview (at Altamesa)  
Worship 9:30 A.M., Bible Study 11 A.M.  
Afternoon 5 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
Evangelist: Jeff S. Smith (817) 292-4908  
or 426-2242, [woodmontchurch.org](http://woodmontchurch.org)

## FORT WORTH

West Side church of Christ  
6110 White Settlement Rd. 76114  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
(817) 738-7269

## GRANBURY

church of Christ  
4313 Old Granbury Road  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
817-913-4209 or 817-279-3351

## HOUSTON

Fry Rd. church of Christ  
2510 Fry Road (77084)  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:20 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
Bob Pulliam: (281) 832-4633, [www.fryroad.org](http://www.fryroad.org)

## HOUSTON

Spring Woods church of Christ  
9955 Neuens Rd. at Witte Road  
Worship 9 A.M., Bible Study 10 A.M.  
Worship 11 A.M., Evening 6 P.M.  
Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist (713) 419-1750  
[www.springwoodschurchofchrist.com](http://www.springwoodschurchofchrist.com)

## IRVING

Westside church of Christ  
2320 Imperial Dr. (closest to DFW Airport)  
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 9:50 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
Evangelist: Mark Roberts (972) 986-9131  
[www.JustChristians.com](http://www.JustChristians.com)

## LANCASTER

Pleasant Run church of Christ  
831 W. Pleasant Run Road  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:20 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
(972) 227-1708 or 227-2598

## LUBBOCK

Indiana Ave. church of Christ  
6111 Indiana Avenue  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
(806) 795-3377  
[www.lubbockindianaavecaf.com](http://www.lubbockindianaavecaf.com)

## LUFKIN

Timberland Dr. church of Christ  
912 S. Timberland Drive  
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 9:50 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelists: Harold Hancock & Reagan McClenny  
(936) 634-7110 or 632-7070

## MANSFIELD

Northside church of Christ  
1820 Mansfield-Webb Road  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:20 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 6:30 P.M.  
Evangelist: Tom Roberts (817) 466-3160

## MIDLAND

Woodcrest Drive church of Christ  
1401 Woodcrest Drive  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 4 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Jay Martin (432) 689-0955  
or (432) 620-0762

## NACOGDOCHES

Stallings Dr. church of Christ  
3831 N.E. Stallings Drive  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:20 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelists: Randy Harshbarger & Jay Taylor

## PLANO

Spring Creek church of Christ  
2100 W. Spring Creek Pkwy., (North Dallas  
Suburb)  
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 10 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
(972) 517-5582, [www.planochurch.org](http://www.planochurch.org)

## SAN ANTONIO

Grissom Rd. church of Christ  
5470 Lost Lane at Grissom Rd.  
San Antonio, TX 78238-2700  
Bible Classes 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Wed. (Ladies Class) 10 A.M.  
Wed. (Bible Class) 7:30 P.M.  
Terry Starling, Evangelist  
[www.grissomroadcoc.org](http://www.grissomroadcoc.org)

## SAN ANTONIO

Pecan Valley church of Christ  
268 Utopia Avenue, (I-37 S.E. Exit Pecan Valley)  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Clyde W. Carter (210) 337-6143

## SHERMAN

Westwood Village church of Christ  
314 N. Tolbert  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Jim Smelser

## TEMPLE

Leon Valley church of Christ  
4404 Twin City Blvd.  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Jason Garcia  
email: [yourfriendjgar@gmail.com](mailto:yourfriendjgar@gmail.com)  
[www.biblemoments.org](http://www.biblemoments.org)

## WACO

Sun Valley church of Christ  
340 E. Warren St. (In Hewitt, a suburb of Waco)  
Bible Class 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Marc Smith  
(254) 666-1020 or 420-1484

## THE WOODLANDS

Woodlands church of Christ  
1500 Wellman Road • P.O. Box 7664 (77380)  
Bible Class 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:20 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
(281) 367-2099  
[www.woodlandschurchofchrist.org](http://www.woodlandschurchofchrist.org)

## VIRGINIA

### CHESAPEAKE

Tidewater church of Christ  
217 Taxus Street  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Steve Schlosser (757) 436-6900

### CHESTER

Chester church of Christ  
12100 Winfree St., (Central to Richmond,  
Hopewell, Petersburg, & Colonial Heights)  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 5:30 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
church Building: (804) 796-2374, (804) 385-2725  
or (804) 271-0877

### NEWPORT NEWS

Harpersville Rd. church of Christ  
315 Harpersville Road  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M., (757) 595-9564

### RICHMOND (METRO)

Courthouse church of Christ  
Courthouse Rd. at Double Creek Ct.  
(2.2 miles S of Rt. 288)  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Gene Tope (804) 790-1629  
[www.courthousechurchofchrist.com](http://www.courthousechurchofchrist.com)

### RICHMOND

Forest Hill church of Christ  
1208 W. 41st Street  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.  
Evening 6:30 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
Evangelist: Jack Bise, Jr. (804) 233-5959

### RIDGEWAY

church of Christ  
2970 Old Leaksville Road  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.  
Evening 6:30 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Jarred McCrary (276) 956-6049  
[www.churchofchristridgeway.com](http://www.churchofchristridgeway.com)

### ROANOKE

Blue Ridge church of Christ  
929 Indiana Avenue N.E. (5 min. from Roanoke  
Convention Center)  
1st Lesson 9:15 A.M., Bible Study 10 A.M.  
Worship 11 A.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
(540) 344-2755

### VIRGINIA BEACH

Southside church of Christ  
5652 Haden Road  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.  
Robert Mallard (757) 464-4574

## WASHINGTON

### BELLINGHAM

Mt. Baker church of Christ  
1860 Mt. Baker Hwy.  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
Evangelist: Joe Price (360) 752-2692 or 380-2960  
[www.bibleanswer.com/mtbaker](http://www.bibleanswer.com/mtbaker)

## WEST VIRGINIA

### CHARLESTON

church of Christ  
873 Oakwood Road  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 10:50 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
Evangelist: Jonathan Chaffin (304) 342-5637  
[www.oakwoodroadchurchofchrist.com](http://www.oakwoodroadchurchofchrist.com)

### CLARKSBURG

Westside church of Christ  
Davisson Run Road  
Sunday Morning 9:30 A.M.  
(304) 622-5433  
[www.westsidechurchofchristwv.net](http://www.westsidechurchofchristwv.net)

### FAIRMONT

Eastside church of Christ  
1929 Morgantown Avenue  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 10:45 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
(304) 363-8696 (304) 842-7936

## GLADESVILLE

Gladesville church of Christ  
2906 Gladesville Rd., Independence, WV 26374  
Sunday Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 10:45 A.M.  
Sunday 7 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
(304) 864-3078

## MOUNDSVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST

210 Cedar Street  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening 6:30 P.M., Mid-week 7:30 P.M.  
Evangelist: Tony Huntsman (304) 845-4940

## PARKERSBURG

Marriott church of Christ  
825 Marriotown Road  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
(304) 422-7458 or 893-5227

## WELLSBURG

Charles St. church of Christ  
836 Charles Street  
Bible Study 9:30 A.M., Worship 10:20 A.M.  
Evening 6:30 P.M., Wednesday 7 P.M.  
(304) 527-4438 or 737-3124

## WYOMING

### RANCHESTER

Ranchester church of Christ  
Hwy. 14 West, Ranch Mart Mall  
Bible Study 9 A.M., Worship 10 A.M.  
Evening 6 P.M., Wednesday 6:30 P.M.  
Contact: Bob Reich (307) 655-2563

## CANADA

### CALGARY, AB

Northside church of Christ  
803 20A Avenue NE  
Bible Study 10 A.M., Worship 11 A.M.  
Evening 5 P.M., Wed. Bible Study 7 P.M.  
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9 AM		ROADBLOCKS TO EVANGELISM: <b>Fishing With The Wrong Bait</b> <i>Ron Halbrook</i>	ROADBLOCKS TO EVANGELISM: <b>The Secular Spirit</b> <i>Mike Willis</i>	ROADBLOCKS TO EVANGELISM: <b>Stages of Churches</b> <i>Max Dawson</i>
10 AM		<b>Employing Our Credibility</b> <i>Bruce Reeves</i>	<b>Breaking Our Comfort Zone</b> <i>Rick Billingsley</i>	<b>Improving Our Communications</b> <i>Ethan Longhenry</i>
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