

THANK GOD!

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When someone gives a child a piece of candy or other gift, the parent will inevitably say to the child, "What do you say?" This is the parent's way of encouraging the child to say "Thank you." Parents don't just want their children to develop polite manners, but they want them to learn to be grateful as well.

If it's important for a child to learn to say "Thank you" to a piece of candy, how much more important it is for us to learn to say "Thank you" to God!

We have been so blessed, and scripture abounds with exhortations for us to thank God for our food, wisdom, answered prayer, etc. (1 Thessalonians

5:17-18; Philippians 4:6; Colossians 4:2).

The greatest gift for which we must be thankful is the gift of God's Son Who was offered up for our salvation. "But thanks be to God for His indescribable gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15). "God demonstrates His love towards us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:6-9). Mankind was "without strength," "Ungodly," "Sinners," and "Enemies." Not only did we do nothing to deserve the gift of God's Son, but we did everything to be undeserving of it! It's grace, a free gift, unmerited favor! (Eph 2:8-10). Thank God daily! 🔍

Welcome to our services and thank you for visiting. If you have any questions about our beliefs or practices, please don't hesitate to ask.

God has not only commanded us to worship Him, but has also told us how, in His word. **The elements of our services, as prescribed by God's word, are as follows:**

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD'S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



COME WORSHIP WITH US!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES....7:00

EVERYONE WELCOME!



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"They...searched the scriptures daily..." -Acts 17:11

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GOSPEL MEETING

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Our Gospel Meeting with Danny Allen begins today and goes Through Friday (16th-21st). What is its purpose? What is its aim? What is it we hope to accomplish by holding this series of meetings? A Gospel Meeting...

Reinforces. All of our services, including Gospel Meetings, serve to reinforce us as Christians. An entire week of services gives us more opportunities to worship with the saints (Heb. 10:24-25), thereby strengthening our relationships with them and gaining from them strength to live godly lives. We are also reinforced doctrinally. At each service there is a sermon presented; the lessons will either remind us of things we've already learned (2 Pet. 1:12), or teach us new things we need to grow in knowledge (2 Pet. 3:18). Both are essential to our remaining faithful to the Lord.

Rallies. Gospel Meetings help rally us on in our good works. We must never allow our schedules, or other interests, to hinder our good works (Gal. 6:9). One of the best good works we can do is share with others around us the opportunity to hear the soul saving Gospel (Rom. 1:16). Whenever

we have a Gospel Meeting, all of the members are urged to invite their friends, neighbors, or others in the community.

Our Gospel Meetings are advertised through many outlets, and we encourage our members to invite others to the meeting. In a sense, we rally everyone to participate in this. This helps us establish skills and courage in inviting others to any or all of our services throughout the year. So please, everyone, take the time to invite others to our services (make use of the flyers and Postcards) so they may be exposed to the saving message of the Gospel.

Reaches. Not only do our Gospel Meetings serve to edify the saints here, and strive to spread the Gospel in our community, they also reach beyond the confines of our town. Flyers are sent to many other local churches throughout middle Tennessee. As a result, we have visitors from other congregations. They, too, are strengthened by the services in all the same ways we are. In this sense, Gospel Meetings have success in reaching out to other children of God. Please make a special effort to greet all of our visitors throughout our meeting week. Be friendly and hospitable. 🔍

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NO SMALL DISPUTE

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Not too long after the Lord had established His church, some were teaching a false plan of salvation. *“And certain men came down from Judea and taught the brethren, ‘unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved’”* (Acts 15:1). We often refer to these men as “judaizers.” Paul used a great deal of space in his epistles refuting the error of these men. Even in this account, Paul and Barnabas *“Had no small dissension and dispute”* with them (vs 2).

There are many people in religion today who are teaching false plans of salvation. Just as those Judaizers taught that one must be circumcised to be saved, there are some today who teach the doctrine of “Faith Only” salvation. Paul would have no small dispute with these. He tells us that salvation is in Christ (2 Timothy 2:10). He then tells us that we get into Christ, where salvation is, by being baptized into Christ (Galatians 3:26-27). Peter would have no small dispute with these men. He tells us plainly that baptism saves (1 Peter 3:21). He also commanded those on the day of Pentecost to be baptized for the remission of their sins (Acts 2:38).

Ananias would have no small dispute with these men, for he clearly told Saul to *“Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord”* (Acts 22:16). The Lord Jesus would have no small dispute with these men, for He clearly stated *“He who believes and is baptized will be saved”* (Mark 16:16). James would have no small dispute with these men, he plainly stated, *“You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only”* (James 2:24).

The Gospel mercifully informs us that in order to be saved we must Hear, believe, repent of sins, confess our faith, and be baptized to have our sins washed away (Romans 10:17, Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38, Romans 10:9-10, Acts 22:16, 1 Peter 3:21). It is critical that we do not begin to go soft towards those who would teach any other way of getting saved. We must pray for them and try to teach them (Romans 10:1-3), but we must not become sympathetic towards the “One religion is as good as another” mentality. Like the great men of faith in the New Testament, we must refute error, and shine forth the truth of the Gospel. ☞

OUR
Gospel Meeting
WITH DANNY ALLEN
OCTOBER 16-21
SUNDAY: 9 & 10 AM, 6 PM
MONDAY – FRIDAY: 7 PM
EVERYONE INVITED!



Our Gospel Meeting

With Danny Allen

October
16
Thru
21

Meeting Times & Topics

- Oct. 16, Sunday 9 am: A New Man - Col 3:1-15
- Oct. 16, Sunday 10 am: Servants of Christ pt.1
- Oct. 16, Sunday 6 pm: Servants of Christ pt.2
- Oct. 17, Monday 7 pm: God's Positioning System
- Oct. 18, Tuesday 7 pm: Preach the Word
- Oct. 19, Wednesday 7 pm: Baptism
- Oct. 20, Thursday 7 pm: Pushing Forward
- Oct. 21, Friday 7 pm: Joy

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Jason Hubbard
- Bible Reading by.....Kenny Johnson
Reading: Colossians 3:1-11
- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Opening Prayer.....Ben Green
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....Kenny Todd
Serve.....John Nelson
Serve.....Ben Reagh
- Closing Prayer.....Tony Jenkins

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Lord's Table.....Kenny Todd

MONDAY – FRIDAY SONG LEADERS

- Monday.....Robert Johnson
- Tuesday.....Ben Reagh
- Wednesday.....Kenny Todd
- Thursday.....Michael Pickford
- Friday.....Ben Green

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

Obey Today!