

REMINDERS!

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We all need reminders. Some are better at remembering dates, appointments, etc; but others are awful forgetful about many things.

It is sometimes very costly and/or embarrassing to forget an appointment; or to forget to do something you said you would do. But it is absolutely tragic to forget God's word.

The Bible was not designed to be read through once and then simply laid aside. It is a book we need to read over and over again until the day we die. It is possible to forget many things God expects of us.

Peter wrote, *"For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always*

of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth" (2 Peter 1:12).

I once heard a story about a preacher who didn't receive his paycheck one week. When asked about it, the men of the church said "We paid for that sermon last year." A preacher friend of mine once explained to me that he was becoming discouraged, he said it seems like he just keeps making the same points over and over again. I told him to just keep on doing that. The Gospel keeps making the same points over and over again; and although we may be *"established in the present truth,"* we need reminders, lest we forget! 🔍

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!

- www.defendthegospel.com
- Weekly Article: Rutherford Reader
- 3rd Sunday Singing Practice: 5 pm
- 4th Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- Radio program on wgns. 15 minute sermon every Sunday morning from 10:45 - 11:00.
- 5th Sunday Men's Training Class, 4:30 pm. Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men's Business Meeting. 1st Sunday evenings following services.



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

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GOSPEL MEETING (2)

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A Gospel Meeting is a special series of lessons hosted by a local church in a particular area. Generally, a visiting preacher from out of town does the preaching. Sometimes the preaching is done by several different preachers. Many formats are chosen by different churches to use to conduct their meetings. Our upcoming meeting will run from Sunday through Friday. The name is derived from the activity; we **meet** together to proclaim the **Gospel**. Our purpose in this Gospel Meeting is two-fold: (1) The edification, exhortation, and encouragement of the saints (Ephesians 4:11-16; Hebrews 10:24, 25). (2) To teach the Gospel to those who are not members of the Lord's church (1 Thessalonians 1:8). We can help ensure the success of our Gospel Meeting by...

Praying. *"Pray without ceasing..."* (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Pray for the preacher conducting the meeting. Pray for the members that they will have health and desire to attend all of the services without letting worldly events get in the way. Pray that parents will teach their children an essential lesson by showing them the things of God are more important than even important things in this life. Pray for yourself

that you may have and make opportunities to invite people to the services, etc.

Planning. Much of the success of a Gospel meeting lies in the attendance of the local members. Don't plan things that will keep you out of town during the meeting. We need you here! When you're absent, two things can happen. (1) Members are discouraged by smaller numbers. When I come to services and very few of the members are there, my heart sinks; but when there is a good crowd, my heart is encouraged. (2) I have seen incidents where people visited from the community and the member who invited them wasn't even there at that service! There are emergencies and other things that may be unavoidable; but other than these, we really need to plan to be at all of the services of the Gospel Meeting (Matt 6:33).

Preparing. We can prepare by inviting people to the services. Use the prepared flyers to distribute. If you need more, we can make as many as you can use. See the Bulletin Board for ideas on how to distribute these flyers throughout the community! Let's be diligent to ensure success in this Gospel Meeting! 🔍

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“ON THE BALL”

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One day while Terri and I were at the gym, I noticed a young lady on one of those huge exercise balls doing some type of sit-up. I said to her, “Well, you’re really on the ball.” The humor in this (If there is any, smile) is in relation to a common phrase we use – “On the ball.” When we say someone is one the ball, we’re not speaking of a literal ball, but of the fact that they are diligent and busy.

As Christians, the Bible certainly calls upon us to be “On the ball.” Paul wrote in Ephesians 2:10, “*For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.*” Again, Paul speaks of Christ, “*Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works*” (Titus 2:14).

The fact is, there are some who are able to do more than others. We all have various different abilities and capabilities (Ephesians 4:16; 1 Corinthians 12:13-18). Those who truly CAN’T do as much as others will be judged based upon what they can do. But just because some can’t do some things, this does not excuse others who CAN do them. The questions we must all ask ourselves is, “Am I truly ‘On the ball’ for Christ? Am I indulging in good works for which God created me in Christ? Am I truly zealous for good works?” Being a Christian is about avoiding evil and sin, but it is also about pursuing righteousness, and doing good works. Take the time to Read Matthew 25:31-46 for an idea of some of the good works expected of us.

If Christ can hang on the cross for us, surely we can be on the ball for Him. 🗨️



OUR
Gospel Meeting
WITH ERIC REYNOLDS
JUNE 10-15
SUNDAY: 9 & 10 AM, 6 PM
MONDAY – FRIDAY: 7 PM
EVERYONE INVITED!



SERMON NOTES

Search the scriptures daily to see if these things are so.

STUDY
DAILY!
Acts
17:11

Successful Fatherhood

Introduction:

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Jason Hubbard
- Bible Reading by.....Ben Reagh
Reading: 2 Peter 1:1-4
- Song Leader.....Ben Green
- Opening Prayer.....Sam Miller
- Lord’s Table:
Lead.....Kenny Todd
Serve.....Robert Johnson
Serve.....John Nelson
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Johnson

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- Lord’s Table.....Kenny Todd

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Ben Green
- Invitation.....Michael Pickford

*Home Bible Studies
Available Upon Request!*

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!