

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

Personal Work

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray: Tiffany, Beverly's sister. Wayne Ezell, Nadine Walters, and Peggy Beebe. Han's sister, she had surgery for cancer Wednesday.

Prayers Answered: Danesas' recovery has been successful, she wants to thank everyone for their prayers.

Birth: Ben and Carla are the proud grandparents of a baby boy. Griffin Turner Gillespie was born Wednesday January 16, 2019.

Traveling/Working: Slope workers. Steve and Abby are in Juneau . Carla and the kids are outside. Chris and Christine will be traveling beginning the 23rd..

Family Activities: VBS is only a few months away. Start planning to participate now. Check with Joe Murdock on things he needs done.

Radio Program: Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program, Sundays at 9am, on 99.7 FM.

Today's Scripture: "Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest." **John 4:35 (ESV)**

Today's Wisdom: "The sluggard does not plow in the autumn; he will seek at harvest and have nothing." **Proverbs 20:4 (ESV)**

Attendance Last Sunday: 88/ Record: 107

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January 20th, 2019 BULLETIN for the



God's Plan of Salvation

- HearRomans 10:17
- BelieveMark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
- Repent Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
- Confess Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
- Be Baptized..... Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
- Arise & Walk in Newness of Life.....Romans 6:4

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

—Romans 1:16 KJV

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:

Bible Classes: 10AM

AM Worship: 11AM

PM Worship: 5PM

Wednesday:

Bible Study: 7PM

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Personal Work

Most of us understand what "Personal Work" is when it is used in the context of Christianity. The definition of "Personal Work" is the effort to spread the Gospel, or any of its related truths, by one person to another. However it can also mean the effort of a small group of Christians to spread the Gospel to another person or another small group of people. For example, when Priscila and Aquila took Apollos aside and taught him the Gospel more perfectly (Acts 18:26) they engaged in personal work. Paul and Silas also practiced personal work when they taught the jailer and his household (Acts 16:25-34). Phillip was doing personal work when he taught the eunuch from Ethiopia (Acts 8), and finally Peter conducted personal work when he taught the Centurion (Acts 10).

All of these examples teach us something about "personal work". It can be done by an individual, as in the case of Philip and the eunuch. It can be done by a team of two people teaching one other person, as in the case of Priscila, Aquilla and Apollos. It can be done by two people teaching a group of others, as in the case of Paul, Silas and the Jailer and his family. Or it can be done by a person supported by a small group of others teaching a larger group, as in the case of Peter and the six men with him teaching Cornelius, his family and friends.

The point is that personal work is a broad field of effort to spread the gospel from person to person outside the corporate worship services of the church. In fact, I would not hesitate to postulate that most people who respond to the invitation at a worship service had been exposed to the gospel through personal work prior to their decision to become saved when the invitation was extended. Personal work, the effort of a single individual or a small group of individuals to teach one or more people the gospel is the foundation of evangelism. Without it we will not be nearly as successful as we would if it were a common practice of each one of us.

So how do we get started in personal work? We start by understanding what it involves. Personal work is living for Christ. Many people have been converted by observing the chaste and spiritual lives of dedicated Christians. Paul made this clear when he stated "*Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men.*" **2 Corinthians 3:2 (KJV)** A person will not be successful at personal work if his/her life is not consistent with what they are trying to teach. There is an old saying "Actions speak louder than words", and this is especially true in personal work. Personal work is also speaking for Jesus. While living a Christian life is vitally important a person cannot discover what it takes to become a Christian through observing your life alone. This may cause them to become interested in Christianity. It can encourage them to want the same type of live, one of peace in the face of great difficulties (Philippians 4:7), and

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one of love without limit (Matthew 23:37 and John 13:34). But you have to, at some point, talk with them. They have to be told that to become a Christians a person has to hear about Jesus, His life, death and resurrection. Without hearing they will have no basis for faith (Romans 10:14). Then they have to be told that they must believe this gospel (Mark 16:16). Next they have to be taught to repent, to turn away from the life that they are living to a life lived for Jesus (Acts 2:38) and then confess their belief in Jesus as Gods only Son and the Savior of the world (Romans 10:9). And finally they must be baptized by immersion in water for the remission of their sins in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost (Acts 22:16, I Peter 3:21, Matthew 28:18-19).

Another question that we need to discuss concerning personal work is: How do I prepare for it? Clearly you prepare first by getting your own life in order. If you have not lived as you should and your friends and relatives know it, it will be difficult for them to take you seriously. So begin by praying that God help you straighten your own life out and that He help you show others that you are dedicated to Jesus through the life you live. If your friends and family has seen you live a life that is not representative of Christianity, you should respond to the invitation, repent and ask the church to pray for you. Once you are living for Jesus, studying to prepare to teach others is a critical aspect of preparing for personal work. I think that if you know what caused you to become a Christian and how you made the transition from a worldly live to one lived for Christ, you know enough to teach others. But studying the word of God to be able to answer questions is absolutely critical.

After you have gotten your life in order, and have studied some it will be time to teach others. I suggest that you first spend time praying for the person you hope to convert. Identify them by name in your prayers and ask God to help you say the things that will touch their heart and cause them to respond by asking "What must I do?". After spending time praying, set up te study. Sometimes it may be best to ask another person to go with you. At other times it may be best to conduct the study alone. You will have to decide which is best for both you and the person you want to convert. When the study is going, don't give up! It may be that you have to take a break for a few weeks, but continue to pray and study as long as it takes or until it is painfully obvious that the person is not interested. And finally, don't get discouraged. Even Paul and Peter weren't able to convert everyone.

