

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

Old Time Gospel

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray: Chris Aumick, Kenny Dearing . Wayne and Cathy, Peggy Beebe.

Ladies' Retreat: The Anchorage church of Christ will host a Ladies' Retreat March 20-21. **Canceled**

Family Activities: Breakfast at the Mat-Su Family Restaurant beginning at 8:00 AM March 21, 2020, **Canceled.** Young Men's training immediately after at the building.

Traveling/Working: Slope workers. Eddie and Susan are traveling.

Men's Business Meeting: There will be a men's business meeting following AM worship Sunday March 22, 2020. Agenda items are due into Ed by March 15, 2020.

Evangelism Meeting: There will be an Evangelism Meeting at 10:00 AM Saturday March 28, 2020. Anyone interested in evangelism is encouraged to attend.

Radio Program: Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program

Women's Study: The women's study date will be announced. All the women are encouraged to attend. The topic will be "Muscle and a Shovel".

Today's Scripture: "And they, when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans." **Acts 8:25 (KJV)**

Wisdom for Today: "He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions." **Psalms 107:20 (KJV)**

Attendance Last Sunday 63/39: Our Record: 107

For more detail, please go to the web site.

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God's Plan of Salvation

Hear.....	Romans 10:17
Believe.....	Mark 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..."

CONTACT INFORMATION

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:

Bible Classes:	10AM
AM Worship:	11AM
PM Worship:	5PM

Wednesday:

Bible Study:	7PM
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Old Time Gospel

I remember when I was young the preaching in the church was different than it is now. In fact there were several things that are different. The old time preachers would preach for 45 minutes or longer and keep the interest of almost everyone there. The revival meetings lasted for 10 to 14 days, and a short revival would last for only 7 days. Wednesday evenings were dedicated to prayer most of the time and were called "prayer meetings". Another major difference is that although the attendance dropped off on Sunday Evening's, and Wednesday Evening's, it didn't seem to drop as much as it does today.

One of the reasons for the differences may be that we as preachers have quit preaching the old time gospel. That gospel that was preached by Stephen the day he was stoned, or that gospel that was preached by Peter, James, John and Paul as they began the efforts that turned the world upside down (Acts 17:6). Their sermons were honest and to the point. They presented the good news about Jesus and His sacrifice clearly and without apology. They preached heaven and hell, the realities of sin, the truth about Satan and the wonders of salvation. In the book "Arkansas Angels" there are accounts of entire denominational congregations being converted at the same time. And a early preacher named Joe Blue, my grandfathers cousin by marriage, stated that it had been three years since a denominational sermon had even been preached in the town he was living in. Young gospel preachers would debate experienced denominational preachers using only a pocket Bible. One account was amusing, as well as informative about the level of Biblical knowledge these men had. A young preacher was to debate a denominational preacher one evening. He was young enough that when he got to the building where the debate was to take place he began to play basketball with the teenaged boys. The denominational preacher and his second arrived and went in. Some of the Elders came out and told him that the debate was starting. The response they got was "Tell them to go ahead, I will be in in a few minutes, I already know what they are going to say anyway." Finally going in and entering the debate with only a pocket Bible.

The church of Christ used to be known as a group of people who knew the bible. In fact, in 1977, I was transferred to southwest Arkansas in my job. The first week, the preacher for the local Methodist Church came to invite me to come to worship with them. When I told him that I was a member of the church of Christ he said; "Well you guys sure know the bible." I don't know if that would be as accurate today as it was then.

Last Sunday Daniel did a great job preaching a sermon on the "Plain Gospel". I have wanted to do a sermon on the old time gospel for a while now and think following Daniels lesson will be a good place to use it. We need to preach more on belief in God, not the popular belief of today but the sound and serious belief in the eternal Godhead composed of God the Father, God the Son, and God

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the Holy Spirit. We need to preach the horrors of sin and what it does to our relationships with each other and God. We need to preach that the life of a Christian is like that of a soldier or an elite athlete and not a draft dodger nor a drunken fan. We need to preach that just as certain as God exist, Satan exist and he is walking around looking for victims (1 Peter 5:8). We need to teach the realities of both heaven and hell. Just as surely as heaven awaits the saved, hell waits for the lost. Just as glorious as heaven will be, hell will be the opposite and more horrible than we can describe with words.

We need to teach the simple truth of salvation, that we are saved by grace through faith. But it is the type of faith we read about in Hebrews 11, that causes us to obey and not an empty, dead faith described in James 2. We must stand fast and firm on the truth that salvation is only found in Jesus (Acts 4:12, 2 Timothy 2:10), that redemption is only in Jesus (Romans 3:24), that there is no condemnation for those that are in Jesus (Romans 8:1), the love of God is in Jesus (Romans 8:39), the sanctified are in Jesus (1 Corinthians 1:2), all those in Christ will be made alive (1 Corinthians 15:22), we become new creatures in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17), there is simplicity in Christ (2 Corinthians 11:3), liberty is in Christ (Galatians 2:4), and all spiritual blessings are in Jesus (Ephesians 1:3). We have to teach the truth that baptism is the only way we get into Christ (Romans 6:3-4 and Galatians 3:26-27).

We can no more please God by disregarding His commandments than King Saul did when he failed to kill every living thing in the kingdom of the Amalekites (1 Samuel 15:22). We must preach the truth about obedience (Romans 6:16). That obedience means that we obey God when we are told to listen to the good news about Jesus, how he left heaven for us. How he lived as a human for us. How he suffered and died for us. How he was resurrected and ascended into heaven to adjudicate for us. That we obey when we are told to believe this, even when others find it unbelievable. That we obey when we are told to repent and leave our lives of sin to walk as closely to the example Jesus left for us as we possibly can. That we obey when we are told to confess our belief before men. That we obey when we are told to be baptized to wash away our sins. And that we obey when we are told to bear fruit, to convert others to Christ.

It is time to return to that "Old Time Gospel" standing on the Biblical truths and not on the false doctrines of men. It is time for us to become evangelistic again. It is time to get into the fight and not sit as spectators on the sidelines. It is time to be first century Christians and turn the world upside down again. When we do, we can be certain of two things; the world will hate us, but God will love us.