Schedule of Events

Last Wednesday of the month – no young ladies/men's training,

Gospel Meeting with Jason Jackson November 12–15



Think on These Things

Philippians 4:8

This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men.

Titus 3:8 NKJV

Our Family News

Pray for / Emily and Cody, Kelli Riley, Brandon Nicholson, George and Joy, pray for one another, pray for those who are struggling spiritually and physically, pray for the Nation and world leaders

Today's Scripture

You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16 NKJV

Wisdom for Today

That I may make you know the certainty of the words of truth, That you may answer words of truth To those who send to you? Do not rob the poor because he is poor, Nor oppress the afflicted at the gate;"

Proverbs 22:21-22 NKJV

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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, Matt 10:32-33
Be Baptized Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
Remain Faithful Matt 24:13, Rev 2:10, James 1:12

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

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Our weekly radio program on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM.

Meeting Times

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Bible Study **7PM**

Office Hours

Call or check website

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

Hospitality

By Joe Murdock

While living in what is often referred to as the digital age, it can be easy to isolate ourselves from others. So much work is done over the internet or social media platforms that the simple gesture of having face to face conversations with people gets missed. Now this isn't to negate the positives with technology because there are some clear advantages. Just think how quickly we can learn of individuals who need prayers, those who have recently obeyed the gospel and the ability to evangelize broadly. We should not be immediately opposed to something because others abuse it. However, what does seem to be the problem is we become infatuated with mass production that we forget how to roll up our sleeves and do the daily work.

The Bible is clear on teaching a principle and we must not miss it. That is, we are to be hospitable. Romans 12:9–13 NKJV "Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality." Interestingly enough the word "given", according to the Strongs Concordance, can mean suffer persecution. While in the context "given to" is the appropriate use just think about that concept for a minute. Will you extend yourself beyond what is considered normal to show a love for strangers. How easy it is to show love for those we know but what about those we don't. Hear the teachings for Jesus.

Luke 7:44–47 NKJV "Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not

ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." While exposing the hypocrisy of Simon the Pharisee, Jesus taught that women's actions were far more hospitable than his. Yes, Simon did invite Jesus to his house but he did not treat him hospitable. We can see being hospitable is more than having people over but showing compassion and love for them.

It can be so easy to get into a check box mentality when it comes to hospitality. We must be careful to not allow this attitude to blind our sincerity. Remember first impressions can have lasting impacts whether we like it or not. When we demonstrate the kind of love for our neighbors and strangers that is found in scripture we are simply obeying the teachings of Christ. Matthew 25:34-36 NKJV "Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me." When we show the hospitality that we read about in scripture listen to the blessings that follow. Matthew 25:46 NKJV "And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." The first part of verse 46 is what we want to avoid while the last part of the verse is where our aim should be. If you have the ability to be hospitable, are you? Are you avoiding the teachings and the ability that God has given you? Let us always desire to follow after the pattern that has been given to us by God.