

Gospel Meeting

Beginning on July 16, Cliff Goodwin will be here to present seven lessons. He will be coming from somewhat a distance, at least much farther than any of us will have to drive. And he will have had to spend a lot of time in study and then stand before us and present the lessons he has prepared. It is unthinkable that any member of the church here at Bowdon would entertain an idea that they might not be present for every service. What do we have to do to be here? Basically nothing. Drive for a few minutes and sit on a comfortable seat and listen to a well-prepared and delivered sermon. Be sure to plan to attend every service.

Considering the preparation that will go into the lessons, should we not make as much preparation? A preacher does his best work when there are people to speak to. Make a list (if you have not done so already) of friends and acquaintances that you would like to see obey the gospel. Set a goal for how many folks you would like to have sitting on your pew. I know of a congregation in North GA that assigns each family a pew for the meeting and they are responsible for seeing that it is filled every night. If each family brought another person to services, we would have a building full and that helps to have exciting meetings. Begin inviting them, not just a casual invite, but invite them to eat with you and then attend the meeting. People seem to do much more when there is food involved.

Make the most of the gospel meeting by making it a time to study. Bring a note book and a Bible, take notes during the lessons. It is a proven fact that we retain much more of what we write than what we hear. The meeting may be an opportunity to become better equipped to teach friends and family.

Pray for the meeting. Pray for the preacher and his wife. They will be away from home for a few days and the preaching will be much better if our prayers are sent to God on his behalf.

Avoid as many distractions during the meeting that will hinder your learning and joy in coming together to worship God. Our worship to God should be a joy. However, if we are burdened down with the cares of the world and have allowed our schedules to become overbooked, we will not get the most from the meeting.

Plan to attend each night. Pray that the meeting will be a huge success and prepare to participate in the success of the meeting. Plan on bringing your friends with you. There are some post cards on the table to mail to your friends.

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