



The Berryville Church of Christ

Bible Beacon

"Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105)



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The Mission and Work of the Church--Evangelism

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Jesus mission while he was upon the earth was to seek and to save the lost (Luke 19:10). Inasmuch as the church belongs to her Lord (Matt.16:18), she is to be about that same mission as well. Within that mission, there are those who need to be saved and there are those who are saved. Evangelism concerns itself with the former category. There is no doubt that the church needs to be in the business of evangelism. The church is God's plan for man's salvation today and as such needs to sound the message of the gospel to those who are not saved. This is epitomized in the great commission. Jesus said, "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:19, 20 ASV). The twelve had the specific charge to get this done within their lifetimes. The church was the instrument through which this charge was carried out. Today, the church stands as the instrument for world evangelism as well.

Often times when we think of world evangelism we think about supporting evangelists in **other** parts of the world. While the concept of world evangelism certainly includes this, we should not think of world evangelism as exclusive of our own communities. World evangelism includes THE ENTIRE WORLD. We cannot fulfill the great commission without taking the gospel to our "neck of the woods" as well. We find, in fact, that this is exactly the pattern that Jesus had for the apostles. In Acts 1:8b we read, "...and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all

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Kevin's Korner

We are certainly thankful this morning for what a great week we had last week. We are glad that Moises and Maritsa arrived safely from Costa Rica. They will be here another two weeks and then they will be going back home. It is a blessing to have them among us this morning. Moises will be preaching this morning and we all are looking forward to it. We have a mini gospel meeting in which Moises will be preaching this week as well. Be sure to pick up one of the flyers in the back and hand them out to anyone that you might know who would be interested in this opportunity.

This past Wednesday was a GREAT day! Wednesday morning we had our ladies Bible class. Afterward we had our thanksgiving potluck. Because of that opportunity for fellowship we had a few gentlemen accompany their ladies to the class. We were most happy to have them for that hour. Moises and Maritsa as well came to the ladies Bible class. Afterwards, we had our thanksgiving potluck lunch. It was truly a wonderful event. The food was all delicious. The ladies did an outstanding job preparing this luncheon. Moises and Maritsa got to eat turkey (at least in its full bird form) for the first time. Most enjoyable!

Wednesday evening we had our regular opportunity for Bible study. Kevin Youngblood told me that his son Chandler wanted to be baptized that evening during the time of invitation. We were most happy to accommodate them! It was most unfortunate, however, that our water heater on our baptistery had gone out. Despite this chilling obstacle, Kevin and Chandler plunged into the situation! Chandler was baptized into Christ and became a member of the Lord's church and our

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new brother in Christ! Let us rejoice.

After the baptism, we had a wonderful reception for Moises and Maritsa. Some of our ladies brought cake. We drank coffee and had a wonderful time visiting with one another and especially our guests.

This past Thursday my wife and I had the privilege of being able to go with half of the first grade class to "Talking Rock Caverns." This is a cave in Kimberling City, MO. Several parents from Austin's class attended. We enjoyed visiting the cave and spending time hiking through the nature trail on the property. The kids especially liked a special "box" that is made for training spelunkers. It was about seven feet tall, six feet wide and 12 feet deep. There were five or six levels in this box and the passageways were very small. Of course, the kids loved crawling through this. It was a most enjoyable time for all.

As many of you know, Thanksgiving day is this coming Thursday. What a wonderful holiday! Truly we have much for which to be thankful. During this time of the year we often have friends and family come over to celebrate this wonderful day. There are some, however, who may not have immediate family nearby. If you are one of those, please let me know so that you can be our guest on Thanksgiving. I wouldn't want anyone to spend Thanksgiving alone. We really would love to have you be our guest this Thursday. This is our invitation to you. Please let me know if you want to come by for lunch on Thursday.

Today we have our regular monthly potluck scheduled. Moises and Maritsa and all of our Hispanic guests are here to participate in this. These are very encouraging events. We invite all to stay after our morning worship service to partake of the great meal that we will have set before us.

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Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Notice the order in which Jesus charges the apostles to work: First, Jerusalem, then Judaea, then Samaria, then the rest of the world. They were to start locally and then branch out over time. Herein lies a great principle. Local evangelism ultimately supports foreign evangelism. Do you wish to expand your foreign evangelistic efforts? Expand your local evangelistic efforts.

I am afraid that in the United States we have allowed the general apathy of her citizens to quash our efforts at local evangelism. It is true that there is a great deal of apathy regarding bib-

lical things within the United States, but this should not hinder us. Our job is not to "grow the church" but to plant the seed and water (1 Cor.3:6, 7). God will give the increase! It would be great if every single individual Christian were a personal worker extroinaire! However, we know from experience that not everyone is able to do this. Moreover, the Bible teaches that different people have different abilities (1 Cor.12:12-25). Thus, it is biblical for different people to have different roles within the church. This is why it is often very expedient for some sort of local evangelistic plan to be put into place. The specifics of the plan are not what is important. There are various methods for doing personal work within one's local community. What is important is that the plan includes the potential for everyone within the local congregation to aid in the effort. The plan should come from the leadership of the congregation--the eldership. The plan should be something on which these men are united. The congregation should understand and want to be involved in the execution of the plan. The involvement of the local preacher should be participatory and not administrative--it is the work of the church! If the book of Acts teaches anything, it is that when the people worked, the church grew!

Foreign evangelism should not, however, be discounted. A balanced approach is the best here. There are some that say, let's merely focus on local evangelism and not foreign evangelism. There are some that say we should focus only upon foreign evangelism and not local evangelism. Both would be incorrect in their assessment. The church has an obligation to the local community to preach the gospel locally. However, the church has the additional obligation of expanding beyond the local. The church of Jesus was not created to be a static institution. But how can a local congregation support missionaries in every single country of the world? Simply answered, she can't. It would be virtually impossible for one

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Deacons: Ken Smith, Brent Stevens, Rusty Windle.

Preacher: Kevin Cauley 870-423-6707

Times of Worship and Study

Sunday Morning Bible Class:.....9:30 AM

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM

Sunday Evening Worship:6:00 PM

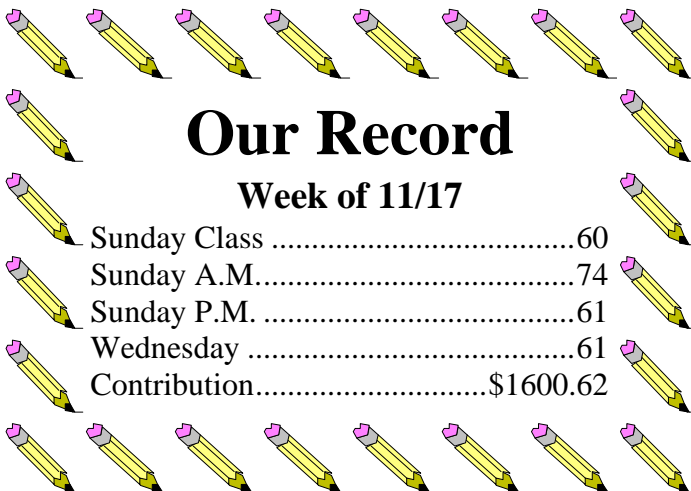
Ladies Bible Class: 10:30 AM

Wed. Evening Bible Class:.....7:00 PM

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congregation with her limited resources to do such. This is why the great commission was given to the church as a whole through the apostles. The church as a whole must cooperate to ensure that the world is evangelized. This means that some local congregations will only have part in specific areas of the world and not the world as a whole. It is **not** wrong for a local congregation to focus upon one particular area of the world in foreign evangelistic efforts. It **would** be wrong for the church **as a whole** to say we are not going to evangelize any particular part of the world. This involves and necessitates cooperation with other churches. We find that this is exactly what the early church did in regard to evangelism. Various congregations supplied various different missionaries to go into the work in various different locations. Paul and Barnabas were associated with Antioch (Acts 13:1, 2). Philip was associated with the church at Jerusalem (Acts 8). Timothy came from the congregation in the area of Derbe and Lystra (Acts 16:1). However, we see that they all worked together to evangelize the world. So must we do today.

Understanding our individual and collective obligations in evangelizing the world goes a long way toward fulfilling those obligations. There is one additional obligation in which each and every person must participate in our efforts at evangelism--prayer. Jesus instructed us to pray that the Lord of harvests would send more laborers into the harvest (Luke 10:2). Paul instructed that we pray that the word of the Lord have "free course" in the world (2 Thess.3:1). He also instructed that we pray that God open doors of opportunity for us to work in His kingdom (Col.4:3). Let each one of us resolve that we will pray for the work of evangelism both locally and foreign as if everything depended upon God and let us work as if everything depended upon us. With God for us, who can be against us?



Our Record

Week of 11/17

Sunday Class	60
Sunday A.M.....	74
Sunday P.M.	61
Wednesday	61
Contribution.....	\$1600.62

HELP WANTED!

Jerry Martin

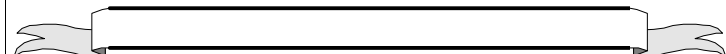
THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR Entry-level position requiring honesty, openness, thoroughness, and self examination (2 Cor.13:5). Must have knowledge of spiritual hygiene and proof of personal application of such knowledge (1 Pet.1:22-25; James 1:21-25). Must be willing and able to guard the internal treasures of great personal and public worth (Matt.12:34-37; Prov.4:23; 23:7; Acts 2:37; 8:18-24). Only those desiring to advance need apply.

THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Seed sowers needed (Luke 8:4-15). Unlimited openings. Applicants should have a knowledge of "the seed," what it produces, and the potential yield of different kinds of soil. The benefits can multiply to as much as an hundredfold (Matt.13:23). There is also an urgent need for those to irrigate the fields that have been planted. You will not be personally responsible for the crop yield. Field hands are needed for the great harvest that is promised (Luke 10:2; Matt.9:37-38). You must apply in person to "the Lord of harvest."

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Nurses are needed from pediatrics to geriatrics (1 Pet.2:2; 1 Thes.2:17) with a loving and tender attitude. Physician's assistants also needed (Luke 4:23). This job requires a knowledge and understanding of the spiritual body and its proper functions (1 Cor.12:12-31; Eph.4:11-16). Must be willing to respond to emergencies and make house calls (James 5:19-20; Gal. 6:1).

THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Teachers needed. Anyone who desires to work in this field must be a "Home Schooler" (Deut.6:1-8; 11:19; Eph.6:1-4; 2 Tim.3:14-17; 2:15). Those who have done well in the "Home School" environment will be aptly qualified and are urgently needed to begin teaching in the "public school" domain (Matt.28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16; 2 Tim.2:2; 4:1-4). Applicants must have good people skills and be committed to being lifelong learners (Eph.4:15-16; 1 Tim.4:12-16; 2 Tim.2:15; Heb.5:12-14; 2 Pet.1:3-11; 3:18).

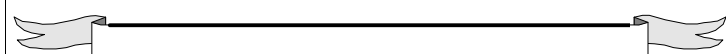
THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE Soldiers are needed to defend the greatest nation to ever exist (1 Pet.2:9). Volunteers only; no draft will be held. Your armor will be specially designed to protect you in battle and assure victory (Eph.6:11-17). Volunteers will have the privilege to serve under the supreme Commander in Chief (2 Tim.2:3-4; Heb.2:10). The life of a soldier is disciplined and hard but the retirement is out of this world (1 Tim.6:11-14; 2 Tim.4:6-8).



Sunday's Sermons

For 11/24

Morning **Moises Umama**
 Scripture..... TBA
Evening **Kevin Cauley**
 Scripture..... TBA



News, Notes and Prayer List



- We thank God for the great blessings of the day! We are able to gather together to worship and praise him. What more could a faithful Christian desire?
- Please remember the following in your prayers: Connie Atchley's mother, Hugh Atchley, Virgil Butler, Elliott family, Jo Nimmo, Charlene Pinkley, Oleta Widener.
- Lucille Wright is in room 504 of the Berryville nursing home. Edith Mischler is in the nursing home in Eureka Springs. Mary Patterson and Art Roberts remain confined at home.
- Next Sunday night will be our youth devotional. We will have it in the basement. Please bring chips, drinks, and other goodies.
- Tonight the House to House crew will be labeling and preparing to mail our mail out. If you wish to help in this effort, please get with Trish Foster.
- The Christmas party at the Smith's house is scheduled for Friday, December 6th. Please plan on attending. Bring a gift under \$5 and one for your child. Also bring something to eat that is "Mexican."
- There are still a few Truth for Today commentaries in the back. This is the second part to the book of Revelation so if you have the first half be sure to pick up the second half!
- Assignments for next month will be as follows: Glenn Williams will have announcements. Leon Duncan and Clay Bozarth will carry communion. Donna Brown and Susan Elliott will prepare communion. Rusty Windle will be the worship coordinator.
- December has five Sundays in it. This means that at the end of the month we will sing at the nursing home. Please make your plans!



Men to Serve

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Sunday Morning:	November 24th, 2002	December 1st, 2002
Song Leader:	Brent Stevens	Clyde Atchley
Preacher:	Moises Umana	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Clyde Atchley	Leon Duncan
Scripture:	Matt Bassing	Brent Moore
Lord's Table:	Bill Fort	Bruce Foster
	Rusty Windle	George Eddings
(assist)	Bob Moore	Ray Duncan
	Brent Moore	Perry Foster
Closing Prayer	Glenn Quigley	Bill Fort
Sunday Night:		
Songs:	Rusty Windle	Glenn Williams
Preacher:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Glenn Williams	Dale Pinkley
Scripture:	Dale Pinkley	Brandon Foster
Lord's Table:	Leon Duncan	Rusty Windle
	Clay Bozarth	Bob Moore
Closing Prayer	Bill Fort	Ken Smith
Wednesday		
Songs:	Bruce Foster	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	John Gass	Clay Bozarth
Invitation:	Bill Fort	Glenn Quigley
Closing Prayer:	Larry Elliott	Hugh Atchley
Monthly Assignments		
Announcements	Leon Duncan	
Worship Coordinator	Bruce Foster	
Communion Prep	Lucille Fort	Pat Foster
Communion Carry	Bob Moore	Ken Smith

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