



Is Our Gospel Hid?

We're all familiar with the VBS tune, "This little light of mine." We sing this song so as to let our children know that they need to be good examples and positive influences in the world around them. This song also reminds us to practice what we preach and let our light shine too. In addition to letting our light shine, however, we need to be concerned about supplying the appropriate information to those who need the message of the gospel. Paul the apostle was so confident regarding both his example and the efforts that he made at preaching the gospel that he made this statement in 2 Corinthians 4:3, "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost." Several lessons come to mind from such a statement.

First, do we hide God's word from others or do we share it freely? Paul could say that he hadn't hid God's word. In fact, he said in Romans 1:16 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." What about us? Are we ashamed of the gospel? When the subject comes up do we avert our eyes? Do we look to get out of the conversation? Do we change the subject? Truly, our behavior is revealing as to what we truly think about God's message. We ought never be guilty of hiding the

gospel from others. It is their only hope for salvation!

Second, can such a statement be made regarding our efforts to preach and teach the gospel? Have we so effectively preached God's word to those around us that we can truly say that no one whom we have encountered is unaware of the truths of the gospel? If we have, then that is truly a wonderful goal to have reached. If we haven't, then there is work for us to do. Let's consider Jesus statement to the disciples in John 4:35 "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." God has spread before us a great harvest! Our job is to go into the fields and reap what God has given. Let's be about the Lord's work!

Third, perhaps there are some around us with whom we have shared the gospel message and yet, they have rejected it. That would put us in the same situation in which Paul was in. Paul said regarding these individuals, "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them" (2 Corinthians 4:4). Yes, there are some who will reject the message. But that's not really our problem. Jesus never promised that every sin-

gle person to whom we preach the gospel would respond favorably to it. In fact, He said the opposite, namely, that more would reject it than accept it. In Matthew 7:13 Jesus said, "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat" and more often than not, Jesus would teach and then end with the statement, "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear." What did that mean? It meant that if you are of a willing and ready mind, then listen to the message and apply it. Otherwise, too bad. It is sad that some will not hear and obey the gospel message, but that's a fact that we've been told about and we must accept it.

So, what category are you in? Are you hiding the gospel? Are you preaching it to those who haven't receive it yet? Have you preached it and it has been rejected? Regardless, let us realize that there is always someone somewhere who needs to hear the message. If we've exhausted the location that we are in, we can move on to other places. If we've just started, then let's get busy watering what's been planted. If we're not doing anything, then let's get out of our comfort zone and do something. We all can do something to further His kingdom. Won't you start working today?

Kevin Cauley

Wednesday Night Services



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[I truly believe that here in Berryville we have a great group of folks who attend Wednesday night services. In fact, there are weeks that we have more on Wednesday night than we have on Sunday night. The same principles, of course, apply to Sunday night services and any other time of study and devotion that we might have on our schedule as well. However, since the article was original about Wednesday night services, I suppose we will the title like it is. Let me encourage everyone, however, to consider these points and make application of them regardless what service we attend. I also want to give special thanks to an Internet friend of mine, Larry , a member of the church in Kentucky for calling this short article to my attention. I hope that you will get as much encouragement out of it as I did. KC]

- At Wednesday night services, the Bible is taught, the word of God Almighty.
- Wednesday night services increase our faith as we better understand and appreciate the unsearchable riches of God.
- Wednesday night services are a mid-week respite from life in a sinful world, a recharge of our spiritual batteries.
- Wednesday night services help prepare us to meet life's challenges.
- Wednesday night services help build stronger character.
- Wednesday night services provide an opportunity to associate with brethren and encourage each other.
- Wednesday night services provide an opportunity to bring others with you to hear the gospel of Christ.
- Wednesday night services enable us to join our hearts in prayer and praising God in song.
- Wednesday night services may be the time when you hear some truth that will change your life forever.

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Bible Studies for the week of August 14th, 2005

AM Sermon..... Blessed Are The Merciful
 Scripture Reading.....Matthew 5:1-12
 PM Sermon..... Guest Speaker-D'Angelo Joyce
 Scripture Reading..... TBA
 Sunday ClassThe Book of Matthew
 Wednesday Class..... TBA

Kevin's Korner

I'm writing my "Korner" a little early this week (Thursday) because of the company we have in town, but as of today it has been another great week for us this summer. My folks, sister, neice and nephew have been visiting with us, as many of you know from Wednesday night. They got here this past Tuesday and unfortunately (for us) went home Saturday. I worked this past Monday so that we could have Friday off and go to Silver Dollar City. We've been there a few times this year and the kids always love to go.

Some of you may have noticed that the community center has acquired some new weight machines. I've been doing some work on them and trying to lose some of my poundage. A couple of weeks ago I saw the doctor and started on a "fiber supplement" and some anti-acid medicine. In other words, I'm not getting any younger.

But with the workouts I have been having a little more energy. (I think I'm ready to challenge Rusty to another racquetball game.)

Many of you met some of our friends from the Internet a few weeks ago. This coming Sunday night I have a friend coming from the Memphis School of Preaching that is going to be here. He has just finished his first year and the elders are going to let him preach this coming Sunday evening, so I do hope you will be here to hear him. You will be able to meet him Sunday morning. He's coming to stay with us for the weekend while he has a little break from school. His name is D'Angelo Joyce and he hails from Fort Washington, Maryland originally. So I hope you will make him feel at home here with us.

Speaking of the Internet work, it is continuing to progress very well. July was a bit of a slow

month for us, but some of that was due to vacations and other things that many were attending to during the summer months. Nevertheless we still had some good totals. We had 16,640 visitors for the month. These visitors viewed on our web site a combined total of 37,250 pages of material. These visitors came from 71 different countries in the world. We received a note from a man from South Africa last month who appreciated some of the studies that I had made available on the subjects of anti-ism. We also received forty-four Bible questions off the Internet last month. Please continue to pray for this work as we continue to expand and improve it.

Also, many of you now know that I am planning to go to Brazil and preach in September. I would appreciate your prayers for this trip and that God's word would be spread and God would be glorified.



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Records for the week of August 7th, 2005

Sunday Bible Class	56
Sunday AM Worship.....	68
Sunday PM Worship.....	58
Wednesday Night Study.....	51
Contribution.....	\$1630.90
Budget.....	\$1662.00



Praises, Prayers, and Proclamations

Announcements

- We are thankful to God for this new Lord's Day. It is the day we honor His Son and the Love that He has shown us through Him. Let us worship in spirit and in truth!
- Please remember the following in prayer: Cooper Doss, Bryan Guess, Hughetta Hand, Maxine Havnick, Travis Jackson, Bill Jones, Jimmie Tucker, Billie Wylie.
- We have several who are traveling that we need to remember in prayer this week.
- Our monthly potluck is next Sunday afternoon. This will be our "Back to School" potluck, so be sure to bring plenty for everyone.
- Our weekly Bible study at the nursing home will be Thursday afternoon at 2:00. We are in Mark 14.
- Be sure to check the outreach board for assignments.
- Kevin is traveling to Brazil on a mission trip on September 5th. Please keep him in prayers.
- Our ladies Bible class will resume on September 22nd.
- Our pantry item is: Canned Tuna.

God's Salvation Plan

1. **Hear** the Gospel—Romans 10:17
2. **Believe** on the Lord & His Word—Mark 16:16; John 8:24
3. **Repent** of your sins—Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30
4. **Confess** Christ—Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9
5. **Be Baptized** for the remission of sins—Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27
6. Live a **faithful**, dedicated life—Revelation 2:10; 2 Peter 1:5-10

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Family Times for Worship and Study

Sunday Morning Bible Class:	9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship:	10:20 AM
Sunday Evening Worship:	6:00 PM
Ladies Bible Class:	10:30 AM
Wed. Evening Bible Class:	7:00 PM

Serving Each Other

	August 14th, 2005	August 21st, 2005
Sunday Morning		
Songs:	Ken Smith	Bill Fort
Preaching:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Bruce Foster	Clay Bozarth
Scripture Reading:	Ray Duncan	Brent Moore
Lord's Table	Ken Smith	Glenn Quigley
(assist)	Glenn Williams	Bob Phillips
	Brandon Foster	Matthew Morrell
	Josh Doss	Irvin Hand
Closing Prayer	George Eddings	Rusty Windle
Sunday Evening		
Songs:	Glenn Williams	Barrett Brown
Preaching:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Dale Pinkley	Dan Hand
Scripture Reading:	Jerry Roller	Dale Pinkley
Lord's Table	Rusty Windle	Leon Duncan
	Jack Gentry	John Gass
Closing Prayer	Michael Morrell	Ray Duncan
Wednesday		
Songs:	Kevin Cauley	Bruce Foster
Opening Prayer:	Clay Bozarth	Bob Moore
Invitation:	Leon Duncan	Bill Fort
Closing Prayer:	Glenn Quigley	Kevin Cauley

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