



## Beware of Offending a Brother

**T**here are many areas of expediency in religion. These are areas where elders, or the men of the congregation, must decide how their congregation will carry out different needs facing it. There is often a great deal of difference in opinion in these areas and this often creates friction or problems among the members. We must all be careful not to allow our opinions to become "commandments of God," in our own minds. Standing on a personal opinion is not worth losing a brother and it might possibly result in losing our own souls!

The apostle Paul said, "Therefore, if food makes my

brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble," I Corinthians 8:13. Paul did not want to do things which would offend his fellow brother's beliefs; if something offended one of his brethren he simply refused to do it. Again, in Romans 14:21, Paul said we should not do anything which might cause our brother to stumble, to be offended or to be made weak.

Why should you or I want to be involved in something which will offend a fellow brother or cause him to sin? It is wrong and sinful to "put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother's way," Romans 14:13. In verse 20, of

the same chapter, Paul said, "Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed are pure, but it is evil for the man who eats with offence."

Let us not be guilty of causing our brethren to fall or sin, over our opinions. As the saying goes, "there is more than one way to skin a cat." Let's choose methods and plans, in our work for God, which are acceptable to all involved; "lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak," I Corinthians 8:9. May God give us the strength and wisdom to be like Christ in this matter.

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### Fall Gospel Meeting!

*With*

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**From the Kansas Expressway church of Christ  
In Springfield Missouri.**

Host of The Living Word TV program

**THEME: Do All In the Name of  
the Lord!**

Date: October 23rd through 26th

Please join us in studying God's word!

### Who Must We Love?



Sometimes it is very difficult to love others. Whether a family member, a friend or just an acquaintance; we all at times have had problems with loving others. We especially have difficulty in loving those who treat us badly. Who must we love as Christians?

In I John 4:19, we read, "we love Him because He first loved us." God must be the greatest love of our life. The first and greatest commandment in Matthew 22:37-38 is to, "love the Lord your God with all of your soul and with all your mind."

We must also love the brethren. In I John 4:7, it says, "let us love one another, for love is of God." It goes on to say in verse 8 that the one who does not love is not of God. Over in chapter 3 and verses 14-15, we read that the one who does not love his brother abides in death and will not have eternal life.

Finally, Jesus gave us the ultimate challenge by saying, "love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you," Matthew 5:44. This is the only way that we can be considered as sons of the Father in Heaven (verse 45). What a beautiful picture this is of true Christian character, having love for all regardless of their attitude or actions.

What kind of love do you have? Do you exercise the love which Jesus taught and practiced. Let's strive to love as God loved us, "for God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son....," John 3:16.

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#### Meeting Theme: Do All In the Name of the Lord

- Sunday** Class (9:30): They Are Without Excuse (Foundation) Romans 1:8-20
- AM Worship (10:20): "My Well Beloved Has A Vineyard" (Challenge) Isa.5:1-7
- PM Worship (6:00): "Fishers of Men" (Evangelistic Nature) Matthew 4:18-22
- Monday** Night (7:00): "What Shall We Do?" (What To Teach) Luke 3:7-18
- Tuesday** Night (7:00): "True Worshippers" (How To Serve) Genesis 22:1-13
- Wednesday** Night (7:00): "A Zeal For God" (Spirit And Truth) Romans 10:1-10

#### Bible Studies for the week of October 9th, 2005



- AM Sermon.....Identifying Marks of the Church—The Name
- Scripture Reading..... Romans 16:16
- PM Sermon.....Lessons from the Life of Naaman
- Scripture Reading..... 2 Kings 5:1-8
- Sunday Class .....The Book of Matthew
- Wednesday Class..... The Book of Habakkuk

### Kevin's Korner

While I did not get to attend every single lecture, I was uplifted by the effort that the church in Green Forest made this past week to have a lectureship style gospel meeting. I was privileged to speak on Monday and Tuesday night brother Nathan Adams spoke and he had a great lesson. The entire series on "End Times" was really well thought out and I'm very thankful to have been a part of it. Unfortunately, they were not able to record the lessons. I'm planning on delivering my lesson again here in Berryville in the future and may work up the other topics as well as a sermon series. Stay tuned.

This past Thursday, the Quigleys and the Cauleys went over to Rogers and then Fayetteville together. We first dropped off Pat and Glenn for their eye doctor's appointment. While they were there, Mary Lynn and I visited the book store. After

their appointment we had a great lunch together at Johnny Carino's and then we went down to Fayetteville to visit Vaughn Farmer who is in Washington Regional's rehab center. Vaughn seemed to be in good spirits and doing well. He will be in the hospital for another 20 or so days while they try to rid him of an infection that he has developed. He still undergoes dialysis on a regular basis as he waits to have a new kidney installed. He could certainly use our prayers.

We have two others who will be in the hospital next week for surgery. Bob Smith (Ken's dad) will have surgery on Wednesday, the 12th and Bill Fort will enter the hospital for surgery on his knee on Thursday the 13th. Let's remember these men in our prayers.

For those of you who read this section first, be sure to notice the articles by Ray Sullins.

Brother Sullins will be conducting our gospel meeting this year and he has selected some VERY interesting topics. I'm very curious to see what he has to say about them and I hope that you are as well. You will also find in this issue his picture and some information regarding the meeting itself. I would encourage everyone to hand out this bulletin to others and invite them to come to the meeting. You are also welcome to hand out the flyers that have been prepared. They are in the foyer in their usual location. As always, we want everyone to invite their friends and family to come to our meeting, but most importantly, don't YOU forget to come either! There is nothing that so encourages a meeting like the faithful attendance of our own members! So, let's make the best effort that we can make to invite others and plan to attend ourselves as well.



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### Records for the week of October 2nd, 2005

Sunday Bible Class .....	48
Sunday AM Worship.....	54
Sunday PM Worship.....	46
Wednesday Night Study.....	56
Contribution .....	\$1314.95
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 in prayer: Cooper Doss, Bill Fort, Kala Grigg, Vaughn Farmer, Grantham Family, Bob Smith, Adam Thompson family, hurricane victims.
- We had several of our members traveling last week. Some still are. Pray for them.
- Please pray for the success of our upcoming gospel meeting.
- Much thanks to everyone who came out yesterday to work on cleaning up the building!
- Our quarterly singing at the nursing home will occur at the end of this month. Please make your plans to attend.
- Our weekly Bible study at the nursing home will resume this coming Thursday at 2:00 PM. We will start studying the book of Luke.
- Our monthly potluck is scheduled for next Sunday afternoon. Why don't you invite a friend to come this month?
- Our pantry item is: Pancake Syrup.

### 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

	October 9th, 2005	October 16th, 2005
<b>Sunday Morning</b>		
Songs:	Ken Smith	Bill Fort
Preaching:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Bill Fort	Bruce Foster
Scripture Reading:	Perry Foster	Leon Duncan
Lord's Table	Leon Duncan	Dan Hand
	Glenn Williams	Rusty Windle
(assist)	Brandon Foster	John Gass
	Jerry Roller	Matt Morrell
Closing Prayer	Ken Smith	Glenn Williams
<b>Sunday Evening</b>		
Songs:	Clay Bozarth	Rusty Windle
Preaching:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Glenn Williams	Ray Duncan
Scripture Reading:	Jack Gentry	Perry Foster
Lord's Table	Dale Pinkley	Leon Duncan
	Perry Foster	Jerry Roller
Closing Prayer	John Gass	Dan Hand
<b>Wednesday</b>		
Songs:	Clay Bozarth	Glenn Quigley
Opening Prayer:	Dale Pinkley	Leon Duncan
Invitation:	Kevin Cauley	Rusty Windle
Closing Prayer:	Brandon Foster	George Eddings

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