

BULLETIN

Fall Meeting

Friendship Evangelism

Our Fall Meeting, with Dan Cooper, begins today. Below is a list of lessons and times.

9:30 Worship

"Zaccheus Was a Wee Little Man" (Luke 19:1-10)

10:30 Bible Class

"12 Critical Observations Regarding Friendship Evangelism"

Noon - potluck

12:45 - Session 3 - "Boatlift"

1:15 Session 4 - "Jonah, the Reluctant Evangelist"

Women's Session: Katherine

1:45 - Session 5 - "Cultivating Friendships"

2:15 - Session 6 - "I Will Make You Fishers of Men" (Luke 56:1-11)

No evening service.



Monday, Nov. 12

6:00 - Soup & Sandwiches

6:45 - Session 7 - "How To Treat One Another"

Women's Session: Katherine

7:30 - Session 8 - "Friendship Evangelism in Your Life"

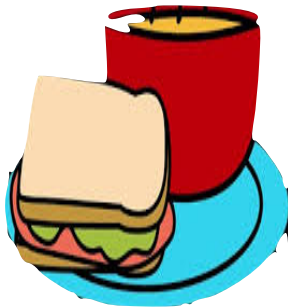
Tuesday, Nov. 13

6:00 - Soup & Sandwiches

7:00 - Session 9 - "The Perils of Friendship Evangelism"

Women's Session: Katherine

7:40 - Session 10 - "Dare To Be Different"



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Benevolence - David Skerry

Building & Grounds - Will Hamel

Education - Doug Paul

Worship Time:

Sun. Worship - 9:30AM

Bible Class - 11:00AM

Sun. Evening - 6:00PM

Tue. Morning Ladies Bible

Class - 10:00AM

Dear Lord,
Help me live in obedience
with Your word.
Amen

Family Events

"So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith." Galatians 6:10, NAS95.

If you are a visitor to our church, welcome! If you have questions, we welcome them; please do not hesitate to ask Park Linscomb, our minister, the really tall guy, or any other church member.

Thank you to all who were at the Congregational meeting Sunday evening. If you have questions, please talk with one of the elders.
Barry and Gerry

Important Dates

Things of special significance:

Nov. 14 - WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER AND BIBLE CLASS ARE CANCELLED.

Nov. 20 - TURKEY BASKET PREP

Nov. 25 - GIVING TREE UP IN THE FOYER

DEC. 8 - ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY @ the Skerry's from 5:00- 9:00PM. There will be a Yankee Gift exchange with a \$10 limit.

DEC. 16 - TEEN CHRISTMAS PARTY @ the Paul's from noon until 3PM.



Turkey Baskets - Nov. 20

- Sign-up sheets for food for the baskets are at the back of the auditorium. Please indicate what you will bring.
- Food needs to be in the fellowship hall by 4:00PM on Tuesday, Nov. 20.
- Begin putting baskets together about 5:00PM.
- People can pick up baskets at 6:00PM.
- Pizza will be furnished for those helping pack the baskets.

Giving Tree

- The Giving Tree will be in the foyer Nov. 25.
- The Giving Cans will also be out so you can take one, fill it, and bring it back. This money will be used to augment the items donated.
- Gifts and donations need to be turned in by Dec. 9.
- If you need some help, or know someone who does, please let Melissa Therrien know ASAP, so they can be included.
- Names will be confidential.
- Your gifts and donations will allow some children to have a Christmas. It is a chance to show that we mean the words, "We Are Here and We Care."



Watch for a rescheduled Clean-up Day.

◆ **Building and Grounds** - Please talk with *Will Hamel*. There are several things that need to be done and winter is coming.

◆ **Education** - Please talk with *Doug Paul* if you would like to help or teach a class.

Several of our teachers have been in the classroom for many months. Take a quarter to teach and let the teachers be renewed in Bible study.

◆ **Benevolence / Pantry** - Talk with *Dave Skerry* about helping. This ministry is an outreach to our community.

◆ **Lord's Supper to Shut-ins** - Volunteers needed, **now**. Please talk with *Doug Paul*. This is a ministry that needs additional people to help.

Weekly Contribution

11/04/2018
\$3591.95

Family Bible Reading, Birthday and Congregational Calendar for Nov. 11 - Nov. 17

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11 - 2 Chron. 34-35 FALL MEETING POTLUCK LUNCH AFTERNOON SESSIONS NO EVENING SERVICE Ken Simon - BD	12 - John 19 FALL MEETING SOUP & SANDWICHES @ 6PM CLASS @ 6:45PM Darlene Cordaro - BD	13 - Ezra 1-2 FALL MEETING SOUP & SANDWICHES @ 6PM CLASS @ 6:45PM	14- Ezra 3-5 CANCELLED - WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER AND BIBLE CLASS	15- John 20	16 - Ezra 6-8	17 - John 21 NO PANERA PICK-UP

Youth & Family News



UPCOMING EVENTS

Be on the lookout for upcoming events. If you want to lead or help with an event, please talk with one of our elders and check with the church office to see that the date is free, then PLEASE volunteer!

Nov. 11-13 - FALL MEETING.

DEC. 16- TEEN CHRISTMAS PARTY @ THE PAUL'S from noon until 3PM.

Question of the week:

Have you put your faith in the Lord? He has the power to help you turn your life in a new direction!

**Think
Thankful**

**Get
Grateful**

**Be
Blessed**

Congregational Events



TURKEY BASKETS

● Sign-up sheets for food for the baskets are at the back of the auditorium. Please bring food to the fellowship hall by Nov. 18. If you want to provide money for turkeys, please turn that into David Skerry, one of the elders, or the office.

● If you know someone who needs a basket, please let Dave Skerry or the church office know.

● Pick up for the baskets will be at 6:00PM on Tuesday, Nov. 20.

● Pizza will be provided for those helping fill the baskets.



GIVING TREE

- Our Giving Tree will be up Nov. 25 and ready for you to pick a card for a child.
- The Giving Cans will be out if you want to donate money. The gifts or money must be returned to the wrapped box in the foyer or to the office no later than Dec. 9, to allow time for shopping and delivery.
- Watch for details about getting things packaged and distributed.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

- Dec. 8 - Adult Christmas Party at the Skerry's from 5:00-9:00PM. Set up help is appreciated about 4:30PM. There will be a Yankee Gift Swap with a \$10 maximum on the gift.
- Dec. 16 - Teen Christmas Party at the Paul's from noon-3:00PM. The Paul's and Eureka Lord are hosting this.
- Watch for additional details for both parties



A Parting Encouragement

Everyday Evangelism

When Jesus first spoke of evangelism to His disciples, He used the analogy of fishing. *"Follow me,"* He declared, *"and I will make you fishers of men"* (Matt. 4:19). Have you ever gone fishing? There are two ways to fish. You can throw a stick of dynamite into the lake and catch what you can, or you can become a fisher of men in the manner Jesus intended. A good fisherman gives time, thought, and patience to his craft; he does not quit if he loses the first fish that hits his line.

Effective evangelism is a way of life, not something limited to a weekend special effort. It is less the result of shrewd salesmanship and more the way we interact with those around us and develop loving relationships with them. All Christians can and should be evangelists. The Lord makes use of some unlikely evangelists before Peter converted thousands at Pentecost, he was brought to Jesus by his brother, Andrew. Andrew was always referred to in relation with his brother: *"Andrew, Simon Peter's brother"* (John 1:40; 6:8). Peter became the famous one, but with no Andrew, we would have had no Peter.

The Samaritan woman was also an unlikely evangelist. She was clearly the town outcast, fetching her water at noon, in the heat of the day, all alone. Hers was, to say the least, a colorful lifestyle with five husbands and a current live-in arrangement. Yet she brought a whole town to Jesus. Have you ever brought a whole town to Jesus?

Many Samaritans from that town believed in Him because she used a statistically proven evangelistic method and learned from a successful business mode. That isn't really what happened. John 4:42 tells us the words of the residents of Sychar: *"It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."*

THE INVISIBLE PEOPLE

It seems that for many Christians, people who need the Lord are invisible. The rich man suffered from this sort of blindness: *"And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table"* (Luke 16:20-21).

When you walk down the hall, did you see a custodian, a student, a teacher, or did you see a soul with an eternal destiny? And if so, did you see the part you might play in that final destiny?

SIX REASONS TO SAVE A SOUL

1. *Because Christ thought it was important.* Jesus saw saving souls as His major mission. *"I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God,"* He explained, *"for I was sent for this purpose"* (Luke 4:43). Later He declared, *"The Son of Man came to seek and save the lost"* (Luke 19:10). Paul believed this was Jesus' primary purpose: *"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost"* (1 Tim. 1:15). Saving soul was Jesus' central task, and we are to follow in His footsteps. What are our priorities? How dare we have priorities that differ from His.

2. *Because of the supreme value of one soul.* Jesus pondered over the value of a human soul in Matt. 16:26: *"For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?"* These are supposed to be rhetorical questions. The answer should be *"Gaining the world and losing my soul would be a terrible trade!"* *"Absolutely nothing would be worth an exchange for my soul!"* Jesus, the Shepherd, is depicted as going

to great lengths to find and rescue just one sheep (Luke 15:4). We're in the 'people business'. Everyone we meet is an opportunity for service and outreach.

3. *Because a lost soul will die.* Lost souls will die. Scripture emphasized this: *"the soul who sins shall die"* (Ezek. 18:1-4). *"The wages of sin,"* Paul warned, *"is death"* (Rom. 6:23). In this politically correct age, we fear to say the lost will die, but our fear does not make this any less true.

4. *Because there is a Judge.* The only factor that matters is that at the end of time the Lord will judge the living and the dead. Everything we say and do should be carried out with this truth in mind. Neither property, fame, nor wealth will matter when we meet our Maker. *"All nations will be gathered before Him"* (Matt. 25:32). Each of us *"will give an account for our actions"* (Rom. 14:12). God calls on *"all people, everywhere to repent"* (Acts 17:29-31). *"We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ"* (2 Cor. 5:10). No one is exempt; Anglicans and atheists, film stars and janitors - everyone will one day face the Judge of all the earth.

5. *Because we have gospel.* *"Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life'"* (John 6:68). This is less a declaration of arrogance than one of gratitude; we have the gospel. It has been given to us, and it is up to us to share it. We to whom much has been given must give much. We are ambassadors for Christ (2 Cor. 5:20). The gospel (and only the gospel) is the *"power of God for salvation to everyone who believes"* (Rom. 1:16). Churches that preach something less than the gospel are holding out one their neighbors and friends.

6. *Because time is short.* There is an urgency to our sharing the gospel (James 4:14). Today is the right time to respond to the gospel. Therefore, today is the best time to proclaim it (2 Cor. 6:1-2). Time is precious. Do you know someone who needs to hear the gospel? Then share it while you have the opportunity.

HOW TO REACH OTHERS

1. *Invite them.* Invite friends and family to church. You do have to ask to get people to come to worship. Your friends and neighbors will likely not come unless you invite them.

If your invitation is declined, be patient. God has a way of changing circumstances they may be open to your invitation next time.

Be consistent. If your Christianity is not the real thing, they won't follow your lead.

When you see a visitor in worship, approach him and introduce yourself. Your friends can wait for a few minutes while you do this. Better, have your friends come over and introduce themselves, too.

Build relationships. This is where the whole congregation comes in. If a newcomer can latch on to two friends, they will probably remain.

These exhortations are aimed at the motive for everyday evangelism. Placing guilt trips on members is an insufficient motivational factor for church members; so is an artificial atmosphere of cheerleading. A thorough understanding of the biblical reasons why we should save a soul, however, will drive us all to bring the Lord to our communities on a day-to-day basis.

~adapted from Stan Mitchell, Gospel Advocate