

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****AUG 3, 2014****SICK LIST:****HEALTHCARE CENTERS:**

Ruby Harrison, Jimmie Nell Brown

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AM - FRANK CHESSER

PM - FRANK CHESSER

**OUR GOSPEL MEETING IS TODAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY. WE WILL MEET AT 5:30 MON-WED TO EAT AND OUR EVENING SERVICE WILL BE AT 7 PM TONIGHT AND THROUGH THE WEEK****SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO LINDA MCDONALD DUE TO THE DEATH OF HER BROTHER JAMES MASON.****BIRTHDAYS:**

Aug 3: Kim Haynes

7: Eli Phillips &amp; Shanna Robbins

8: Paige Hall &amp; Chuck Windham

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## **TIMES OF SERVICES**

### **SUNDAY MORNING**

Bible Class 9:30

Worship 10:20

### **SUNDAY EVENING 5:00**

### **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00**

#### **ELDERS:**

Gene McDonald 924-4827

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## **THE BENEFITS OF A GOSPEL MEETING**

### **Ben Wright**

Many times, we want to know what the benefits of doing something are going to be before we begin. If it is a new job, we want to know the benefits that will be ours for taking on the new job. If it is a diet, we want to know the benefits of starting it. If there is nothing in it for us, we, as humans, generally don't like getting involved with it. Having just completed the preaching of a meeting and then with the meeting beginning here, I got to thinking about the benefits of a gospel meeting.

There is the benefit of extra fellowship. We get to see each other, normally, for about four hours per week. With the added bonus of a gospel meeting it will be a minimum of six hours this week. If we come to the fellowship meals through the week, it will be another four and a half hours spent together. The early church understood the benefits of being together more often: "And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart" (Acts 2:46). It allowed them to be of one mind and have great joy together. We need to look for reasons to be together more, not less.

There is the benefit of edification. As Christians, you and I are commanded to "...grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). Br. Chesser has been with us before. In 2011 to be exact. If you were here then, you remember how well prepared, biblical and deep the sermons were that he presented to us from God's word. Everyone of us grew more in the faith every time we heard a sermon. The reason is that the messages were all presented from the powerful word of God. This word always strengthens those that take it in (Acts 20:32).

There is the benefit of admonishment. Everyone of us gets out of step spiritually from time to time. If we say we don't, we are liars according the inspired writer John (1 John 1:8). Sermons prepared with God's word at their heart, are sermons that will admonish us if need be. Paul told Timothy: "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; **reprove, rebuke, exhort** with all longsuffering and doctrine" (2 Timothy 4:2; emphasis mine, BW). Paul knew that brethren misstep and sin from time to time. Good, Bible-based



sermons will strike at the heart of those who do so. This week, we will have such sermons presented to us if the Lord wills us to have the time granted us.

These are just a few of the benefits with which we will be blessed for attending this gospel meeting. There are few if any other things we could do this week that will have such eternal and earthly benefits bestowed upon us. Make sure you are here as often as possible so these benefits will be yours.

### **FAMILY LIFE CENTER** **Frank Chesser**

The home, civil government, and the church are divine institutions. God ordained them. Each was planned with man in mind. God planted the first home in the beauty and security of Eden. The home is God's "family life center." Each room in God's blueprint is designed for man's happiness and well-being.

There is the **instruction room**. We are all the products of what we have been taught. Children receive instruction from various sources and, upon the basis thereof, they build a life. God's formula for child-rearing is threefold: Love God with all your being, receive His Word into your heart, and teach it incessantly to your children (Deut. 6:4- 9). Children are admonished to hear the instruction of thy father and forsake not the law of thy mother (Prov. 1:8). There is no substitute for parental instruction.

There is the **example room**. The best of instruction can be quickly nullified by a bad example. Children must have parental visual aid to accompany their teaching. Jehoshaphat walked in all the ways of Asa his father, and he turned not aside from it, doing that which was right in the sight of the Lord (1 Kings 22:43). Ahaziah did evil in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother (22:52). The difference in Jehoshaphat and Ahaziah was the difference in the example of their parents.

There is the **entertainment room**. God's blueprint has the entertainment room in the home, not in the church. Zechariah pictures the return of God to Jerusalem and the restoration of the city with the delightful scene of children "playing the streets" (8:5). There is a time to play. Families need to spend some fun-time together. Instead of "go play," there is a time when parents need to say "let's play." A humanly devised family life center as an adjunct to the church is a counterfeit for the real thing. Let us strive to make our home a real family life center.