

Seeking The Lost

by Dave Rogers

*"Seeking the lost, yes, kindly entreating,
Wanderers on the mountain astray;*

*'Come unto Me,' His message repeating,
Words of the Master speaking today."*

(Wm. A. Ogden, 1886)

Think about these words for a moment, and the message we proclaim as we sing them. In the third stanza that message become explicitly personal ("Thus I would go on missions of mercy"). Even the title of this great hymn expresses thoughts that deserve our careful and serious consideration!

"Seeking..." When we think about what we sing, we realize that the "seeker" and the **singer** are the same person in this song! Here is an admonition (Colossians 3:16), both to self and to fellow-saints to actively look for lost people! When Jesus tells why He came to live among us as a man, His simple declaration is "the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). Six times in the New Testament, "lost" describes those who are separated from God because of sin. "Seeking" is a continuous action; it should be a constant effort on our part, with the same goal in OUR minds as in our Master's! **ONLY** Christians are commissioned by Jesus to share His message of salvation with a world cut off from Heaven by sin (see Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:47; and Romans 10:13-15). If we who are Christians do not learn to ask about others' souls; do not commit to telling others about God's saving grace; do not train ourselves to "carry and share" that life-giving message to every person we meet (Acts 8:4), then we are **not** accomplishing one of the very basic goals Jesus gave us! Christians should be "seekers" by choice, training, and conviction (consider Joshua 24:15; 2 Timothy 2:2; 1 Corinthians 9:16; and 2 Corinthians 4:13). **What** we seek is every soul that needs salvation (remember 1 Timothy 2:4 and 2 Peter 3:9), just as our Master

does. Every Christian is authorized to "hold forth the word of life" (Philippians 2:16) amid the darkness of sin (verse 15).

"...the Lost." Now think about the other person; the soul Jesus came to save, that He urges **US** to find. **How does a man know he is lost?** In daily life, he may see the same "landmarks" over and over (spiritually, he makes the same mistake or experiences the same result from sin repeatedly); he may realize he is not moving toward any clearly-defined destination (spiritually, he is "asleep"); OR, someone else may point out that he is lost (this is the responsibility of Christians). When Paul was on Mars' Hill in Acts 17, his audience had no idea of their wretched spiritual condition until he described it (verses 22-32). Just so, those present on Pentecost did not realize their eternal danger until Peter and the others pointed out their guilt in Jesus' death (Acts 2:36-37). When Barnabas and Saul went to Asia Minor (Acts 13:4-14:27), it was to tell the people they needed to be saved! Most of those they taught did not know they were in danger until they were taught, but their ignorance did not reduce their danger! When they learned they were lost, each had to make a choice; they were no longer ignorant! Like watchmen on the wall of an ancient city (cf. Ezekiel 3 & 33), Paul and Barnabas warned them about the danger of judgment so they could escape in safety.

Like that ancient world, our world is saturated with sin, error, and ignorance. God trusted the church with the gospel (Ephesians 1:13), commanding us to dispel the devil's darkness with it. He wants every Christian to "shine" in this present world so lost people can see their perilous position and "be found." He intends for every Christian to point lost souls to His Son. He wants each of us to "seek the lost."

Invitation Etiquette

by B.J. Clarke

The **INVITATION** as it is called, that which is offered at the end of a Gospel sermon, and which is accompanied by an appropriate song, is not specifically mandated in God's word. As an expedient though, it is a crucial time in our worship. It is a time when the preacher extends the invitation of Christ. This is a time when we are urging souls to obey Christ. The proper atmosphere is so very important. During the invitation we are trying to get those whose lives are out of harmony with the Gospel to make the emotional and intellectual response that is necessary to save their souls. We must do all that we can to eliminate every distraction from the serious business at hand. We dare not by thoughtless behavior discourage or distract a soul that is on the verge of responding. He may never be that near to Christ again. In fact, our distracting behavior may cause him to die in sin and lose his soul. Everything the preacher, song leader, and every other member of the church does should aim at encouraging a response by those who need to respond. Please consider the following **INVITATION ETIQUETTE**.

ONE... Sing the Invitation song enthusiastically. It always saddens me to see so many who gaze around and make no effort at all to sing. They appear bored by it all. If you were thinking about responding to the invitation, think how such behavior would discourage you.

TWO... Don't move around or allow your children to leave during the invitation unless there is some kind of emergency. Of course, if you need to respond, by all means move around sufficiently to do so! The devil can use even innocent children to distract people from responding to the invitation if parents don't properly control them. I am sad when I see more people going out the back door than are coming to the front during the invitation.

THREE... Wait until AFTER the closing prayer to get ready to go home. Some folks are more interested in putting on a coat or picking up a purse than they are in the salvation of souls during the invitation song.

FOUR... There should be NO unnecessary talking or any other activity during the closing remarks of a Gospel sermon or the invitation song. It both breaks my heart and spurs my indignation to see this going on. It is bad enough at any time while I am preaching, but I'm especially dismayed by such while I'm pleading for souls.

Try to put yourself in the position of someone who needs to respond to Christ. You are about ready to step out into the aisle when suddenly the lady next to you bumps you while struggling to get her coat on. Or, the folks in front of you are talking and laughing. Now, how would you feel?

A Voice From The Past ...

“The church is all-sufficient to the task God has set before it. We must do everything we can, individually and collectively, to further the cause of Christ. The path of duty is the path of safety. The weakness of the Lord's work in the world is not in the church Jesus built. Our weakness is our failure to do our part as God would have us to do. We do not need a new church for the age, but faithful men who will live as they ought and preach as they should.”

- G.K. Wallace (1903 - 1988)

Worth Thinking About...

“To sit home, read one's favorite newspaper, and scoff at the misdeeds of the men who do things is easy, but it is markedly ineffective. It is what evil men count upon the good men's doing.”

— Theodore Roosevelt



Save the Dates. . . . November 11 – 12, 2016



2016 Fayetteville Church of Christ Marriage and Relationship Enrichment Weekend

FRIDAY – 11 NOVEMBER - 7:00 P.M. – 9:30 P.M.

- KICK OFF THE WEEKEND WITH A **DATE NIGHT!**
- DINNER (NOMINAL COST PER COUPLE)
- GAME NIGHT / ENTERTAINMENT

Dinner starts at 6:30
Catered—Village Café
Cost 15.00 per person

SATURDAY – 12 NOVEMBER - 8:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.

- BROTHER DAVID SHANNON PRESENTING UPLIFTING MESSAGES ON BUILDING / STRENGTHENING MARRIAGES AND RELATIONSHIPS BASED ON BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES
 - LIGHT BREAKFAST
 - ICE BREAKERS
 - MULTIPLE SESSIONS
 - LUNCH PROVIDED BY CONGREGATION



FREE CHILD CARE is AVAILABLE Friday & Saturday



RSVP BY SUNDAY, 6 NOVEMBER TO THE CHURCH OFFICE AT MAIL@FCOC.COM OR (770) 461.3617

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH DAY/S YOU WILL BE ATTENDING AND IF YOU WILL NEED CHILDCARE.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO LEARNING TOGETHER AND SHARING THIS TIME OF FELLOWSHIP!

FAYETTEVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST – 870 REDWINE ROAD, FAYETTEVILLE, GA 30215



4th Annual Atlanta Area-Wide *ThanksSinging*

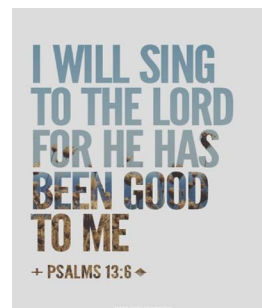
Join us the Sunday before Thanksgiving for a joyous, time-honored tradition

Date: Sunday, November 20, 2016

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Fayetteville Church of Christ
870 Redwine Road
Fayetteville, GA 30215

Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall
For info call 770-461-3617 or email us at: mail@fcoc.com



Family Matters

Hick & Estell Higginbotham – Estell will see her doctor October 27.
 Holly Dalman – Will have back surgery November 4th.

Deepest Sympathy

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to **Graham McDonald and his family** for the loss of his brother, Glenn.

Also to the **family of Lynda Buckholts**, who passed away last week. Lynda was a member at Forest Park Church of Christ and friend for many of us. Please keep these families in your prayers.

Members With Health Problems: Betty Jo Nash, Becky Higginbotham, Shelby Garner, Jim Garner, Mattie Croix, Mary Lawrence, Decieta Lyons, RuPearl Sharpe, Brenda Mitchell, Equillar Butler, Shirley Jones, Lucille Amon, Marlene Etheridge, Mattie Williams, Bernice Gillespie, Maylon Swann, Una Fortson, Forrest & Burma Chapman

Shut-ins: Ruby Fowler, Annette Benefield, Valerie Whitaker, Butch & Joann Trawick, David & Shirley Lee, Lillian Gray, David Nash, Jane Lankford, Joe Clark & Frances Elder

Others With Health Problems: Ray & Keven Barton, Kresta Braswell & Kyla Barton, Rose Osborn (friend of Marlene Elheridge), Harold Holt (Shirley Lee's brother), Sybil Hedden, Caylee Williamson (Terri Durden's niece), Cole Gilman, David Fredricks (Jeannie Pyron's brother), Meg Wallace (Sharon O'Brien's cousin), Willard Mann, Bree Couch (Ginny's daughter-in-law), Gregory Crook (Lucille Amon's nephew), Tom Holcomb & Jean Benefield (Annette's Son & daughter-in-law), Greta Newsome (Jill Nash's sister), Joanne Daugherty (David & Wayne Nash's Sister), Carol Bomar (Charity Nash's aunt), Loretta Russell (Ray's mother), Nelda Hayes (Jack Sorrell's aunt), Nancy Ford (Joann Crook's sister), Virginia Poskevich (David's mother), Xermonia Fortson (Una's daughter), Eddie & Lil Cauthen (Joan Poskevich's B-i-L/S-i-L), Joe Hand (Jim Scoma's B-in-L) and Marvin Cook (Jean Johnson's brother)

Prayer Requested – Scott Kelly's email address jpay.com (Web site) #1001380630 (Scott / Robert Kelly)

Prayer Requested – Jamie & Jason Campbell (Sylvester & Missy's sons).

Military Members Deployed: AM3 Candace Butts (Connie Elder's daughter), US Navy

FEMA Deployed: Sylvester Campbell is in Louisiana for 2 months.



Bible Bowl

Oct

23—Danielle Fincher - snacks
 3 - Katherine Hopkins - snacks

Snacks/Light Lunch

Nov

6-Terri Durden - Snacks
 13– Donna Hagin - light lunch



Sign-up

Dec

4 Linda Armstrong - snacks
 11 Needed someone - Snacks
 18 Catherine Kelly - light lunch

Service Sunday & Luncheon November 6th- Promoting the Marriage Weekend & ThanksSinging

*Mrs. Harry Mobley invites you to the Wedding of
 Margaret Mae Mobley and Caleb Austin McGaughy
 Saturday, November 19, 2016 at 6pm
 The Eclectic Warehouse
 45 Main Street, Eclectic, A I*

Calendar

Today—Everyone is invited for lunch at the Pelfrey's Home after the AM Services. Bring a side dish.

Nov 6 – Service Sunday! Worship, lunch, devotional & service. We will use our service time for the upcoming Marriage Weekend & ThanksSinging; we will divide up that night and attend different congregations to promote the two events.

Nov 8 – Election in Fellowship Hall

Nov 11-13 – Fayetteville's Marriage Enrichment Week-end

Nov 19 – SilverWings Thanksgiving Dinner

Nov 20 – ThanksSinging at Fayetteville COC

Area Events:

Oct 19-23 – World Mission Forum at Forest Park COC

Nov 4-6 – Central COC Annual Fall Lectureship, Building Up in a Crumbling World

Nov 5 – Buford COC Ladies' Day " Seeds of Blessing" Lessons by: Cathy Powell

Oct 8 – Becoming Enough ladies ministry of Peachtree City COC

Youth Events

Oct 23 - Area Wide Youth Devo – Forest Park

October 29 – God's Ranch - Help the Homeless. Coats, gloves, scarves & blankets are needed.

Oct 30 - Trunk-n-Treat

Nov 13 - Area Wide Youth Devo - Fairview

Dec 18 - Area Wide Youth Devo – Tara

F.R.O.G.



Fully Rely On God

God's Ranch—Help the Homeless. Last year as we gave out socks, a man ran to the street curb and immediately put on the socks. He didn't have a pair on his feet. We gave out gloves that were immediately put on hands; coats were immediately put on cold bodies. Our feed and clothe the homeless is October 29th. Please bring socks, coats, hats, gloves and scarves to the office as soon as possible. You can also give money to Susie so we can purchase some of these items. Please plan to go with us on October 29th as we travel to downtown Atlanta to give these items out. Last year we give out over 200 items. Let's surpass this number this year. Pray that God blesses our efforts as we proceed. See Sally Wallace with questions.

		10/23	10/30
Call To Worship		Greg Nash	Greg Nash
Scripture Reading		Ben Rogers	Rick Sharpe
Song Leader		Jimmy Garner	Stan Mitchell
Prayer		Jack Sorrell	Eric Hagen
Preside Lord's Supper		Luke Quinn	Mike Fields
Server		Jerry Kendrix	Anthony Stinson
Server		Larry Rose	Zeke Poskevich
Server		Charles Nash	Randall Bell
Server		Paul Lyons	K Killingsworth
Server		Ken Fincher	Bill Ruffer
Server		Curtis Hurt	David Hopkins
Server		Coney Johnson	Jim Lindsey
Server		Anthony Ravenell	Gayle Pelfrey
Sermon		Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers
Response Elder		Jim Pelfrey	Jim Pelfrey
Announcements		Greg Nash	Greg Nash
Shepherd's Prayer		Tom Durden	Jim Pelfrey
Evening Worship			
Announcements		Greg Nash	Greg Nash
Song Leader		Stan Mitchell	Jimmy Garner
Prayer		Rory Bell	Jim O'Brien
Sermon		Song Service	Dave Rogers
Lord's Supper		Larry Rose	Randall Bell
Lord's Supper		Anthony Ravenell	Zeke Poskevich
Prayer		Michael Boelsterli	Larry Fields



Urgent Needs:

Undershirts (Girls-ladies' sizes medium, large & extra-large. Boys - men's sizes medium, large and 2XL.)

School Binders (2 inch),

Subject Dividers, Snack size snacks & chips, juice & water.

A list is on the bulletin board.

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Hugh Kelly

Jerry Kendrix

Andy Johnson

Paul Lyons

Stan Mitchell

David Poskevich

Anthony Ravenell

Jack Sorrell

Assembly Schedule:

Sunday

9:00 am Bible Classes

10:00 am Worship Service

6:00 pm Worship Service

10:00 am Tuesday Morning

Bible Class

(September 11—May 14)

7:00 pm Wednesday Night

Bible Study

7:00 pm Thursday Night

Ladies Class

(September-May)

Communion Preparation

Kyndal & Sandy Garner

Nursery

16 Lorette Keith

23 Miranda Kendrix

30 Terri Durden

Care of Building

1-15 Keith Killingsworth/Luke Quinn

16-30 Jerry Kendrix/Jimmy Garner

Ushers

16 Andy Johnson/Thomas Quinn

23 Keith Killingsworth/

David Poskevich

Media Center Helpers

16 & 23 Morris Jones

Open Arms

Wednesday Evening Devotional

19 Greg Nash

26 Anthony Stinson

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October 2016

Evangelism

"But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does." James 1:25

Response Elder - Jim Pelfrey

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