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Introducing A Personal Evangelism Seminar

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Are you ready for an evangelism boot camp? There was a time in our not so distant past when these types of seminars were being held all over our nation. Christians carried film strips (Jule Miller) in the back of their trunks and went house to house teaching anyone who would listen the Gospel of Christ. Now most of our training is inwardly focused and are geared towards keeping the saved, saved. Success is seen in how many sister congregations attend our events and rarely on how many non-Christians attend. A few years ago, a brother called and invited us to come do this seminar. He said, "Brother Rob, we have not had an evangelism seminar in central Texas in over 20 years." We are at a crisis stage for churches of Christ in America, but it is not too late.

What is a personal evangelism seminar? It is an effort to train the saved to teach the lost. We will spend time equipping Christians with a soul winning strategy. We will relay stories of real people who are coming to know their Savior and provide you the simple principles used to get them into a Bible study and help them obey the Gospel. We will spend time with elders and preachers and help them develop a winning strategy for the local congregation.

What can you do? First, please attend every session as each builds upon the other. Second, come ready to learn with Bible in

hand, and ready to take notes. This is not just a lecture. It will be both principle and practice. Third, please be praying about souls to save. Since this focuses on training Christians how to reach the lost, it is not recommended that you invite your non-Christian friends and family. After being trained, you will have plenty of opportunity and a working method to reach them.

This seminar is having a great affect upon congregations. Hundreds of souls have been saved in just the past year, and if we all work together, and follow the Great Evangelist (Jesus), many more souls will be saved. The Lord is depending upon you for this evangelistic effort to be successful. The Gospel is not a passive process. It is an active process that will work when we are willing to work it. Below is a schedule of topics. I will be willing to answer any of your questions and materials will be available to help equip you with all the tools needed.

Sunday

9:00 AM – Let's Get Motivated: This session will relay several personal accounts of conversions. It has worked and is still working.

10:00 AM – Let's Stay with The Message: This session focuses on the power of the Word. We must put the Bible back into Personal Bible studies!

1:00 PM – Let's Talk About the Manner: How do you get into a Bible Study? We will look at Jesus and how our Master Evangelist was able to develop such a large following.

Monday

7:00 PM - Let's Not Argue About the Method: It's time to introduce, "Back to the Bible" and demonstrate how to use it along with charts from my PE workbook

8:00 PM – Let's Apply the Model: In this session we discuss difficult situations and take your questions. How does this work in my world?

Tuesday

7:00 PM – Let's Make the Application: Rob presents a congregational plan to help the men implement this program.

8:00 PM – Ten Ingredients for Evangelism: In this special ladies' session, Nicole will provide practical suggestions on how to apply what you have learned. (ladies only).

Every Saint on this side of Heaven, must be concerned about every sinner on this side of Hell.

Making God Second Best

Author Unknown—Submitted by Sandra Daltry

*I'm always prompt to punch the clock;
I never miss a date;
But when I go to worship God,
I'm usually always late.*

*I wouldn't think of leaving work,
To visit brother Fred,
I'll just wait till Sunday comes,
And forsake the church instead.*

*I never miss a day at work,
Perfection's what I seek;
But I miss the worship of My God
Once or twice a week.*

*I talk with people daily,
Of many subjects rife,
But I never mention Jesus,
Nor show Him in my life.*

*I spend extra on my family
For things I can't afford.
But I don't remember, ever
Giving extra to the Lord.*

*When your life on earth is over
And they lay you down to rest,
How can He say to you, "Well done,"
If you've made Him second best?*



Upcoming Events

Oct. 30-Nov. 1: Midtown will be hosting an evangelism seminar with guest speaker Rob Whitacre. There will be a potluck luncheon after morning service with a 1pm afternoon service. Please bring a potluck dish to share. (This luncheon will be in lieu of Nov. 6)

Nov. 13: Youth Devotional at the building hosted by the Siegel’s after evening worship.

Area Events (More info on the bulletin board in the hallway):

Nov. 12: Bible Bowl 2022 at Weber Road

Prayer List

Prayer Requests:

Clifton and Jackie Rutherford. Clifton is caring for Jackie who is needing extra care right now.

Veronica Serenil, who is recovering from eye surgery.

Clark Withers who had a medical procedure on Oct. 26.

The Tisue’s daughter who’s illness was in remission has returned.

Joyce Faires who is recovering from a car wreck.

The Flonnory’s who are home with the flu.

Members

Jeff Cannady, Les Daltry, Kin and Sandra Marie, Ann Pantel, Veronica Serenil, Clark Withers, Dee Gilpatrick, Faye Henderson.

Nancy Fortenberry has expressed her desire to work under the oversight of the Elders of the Midtown congregation. Her contact info is on a sticker in the foyer to add to your pocket directory.

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Service Roster

Week of October 30, 2022

Sunday Morning

Scripture Reading.....Jack Jobes
Song Leader Kevin Sheeran

Opening Prayer..... Will Burleson
Closing Prayer.....Rick Bass

Lord’s Supper & Offering

Bread.....James Cammock
Cup..... Clifton Rutherford
Offering..... Ron White
Assist.....Mike Atkinson
Assist..... Lupe Escojido
Assist..... Bryant Siegel

Sunday Evening

Song Leader Kirk FitzSimmons

Opening Prayer..... Doug Jobes
Closing Prayer..... Lupe Escojido

Lord’s Supper & Offering..... Lupe Escojido,
Bryant Siegel

Wednesday Evening

Adult ClassJames Cammock
Song Leader Kevin Sheeran
Devotional Brandon Starling

Other

Prepare Communion Bass

Congregational News

Birthdays

Matthias Cammock.....Nov.2

Food Helpers for the month of Nov. - Team A.

If you have any prayer requests or upcoming events to be announced, please contact our secretary, Nina Siegel, at (361) 573-0030.

Our Elders

Mark FitzSimmons
Ron White

Our Deacons

James Cammock—Evangelism
Lupe Escojido— Benevolence
Bryant Siegel—Education and Finance

Our Preacher

Brandon Starling

Weekly Reading

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of
God; and everyone who loves is born of God and
knows God.”
1 John 4:7

Service Times

Sunday Morning Bible Class.....9:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship.....5:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Class.....7:00 P.M.

Attendance Records

Week of October 23, 2022

A.M. Bible Class.....58
A.M. Worship.....75
P.M. Worship.....58
Wednesday Bible Class.....58

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board in the hallway.*

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