

The Lakeview Lamp

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” - Psalm 119:105

July 22, 2007

Gospel Meeting Time

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Our gospel meeting here at Lakeview begins in two weeks! It runs **August 5-10**. Here is a schedule for the week:

Sunday

10 am---- **New & Improved!** (1) – *spiritual growth as Christians*

(There will be a potluck following the morning worship at the Realtors building.)

2:30 pm- Singing

3:30 pm- The Mind of a Martyr! (7) – *developing conviction and zeal*

Monday - Friday at 7:30 pm

Mon----- **What Saul Could See...** (9, 22, 26) – *salvation, change*

Tues----- **Ancient Evangelism for a Modern World** (17) – *evangelism ideas from Paul's work in Athens*

Wed----- **They Listened Until This Word...** (22) – *dedication to truth, the heart, etc.*

Thur----- **God's Gonna Bust You Out!** (16) – *overcoming in hardships, faith in God, etc.*

Fri----- **Constructive Conflict!** (15) – *handling church problems*

Jason Malham will be with us to lead us in our studies. Pray for him as he prepares to come. Pray for us as well that we will do our part in preparing for and making the meeting a success.

Flyers in different sizes are available in the back to hand out to others. Take as many as you need – we will make more.

There is also a meal list posted. Only a few spots are available, so sign up now while you can.

Make your plans now to be here for each assembling. God's word will be presented each time, and we must be present to hear and to heed it.

“The Leaders Took the Lead”

Glen Young, edited for length

When Deborah was judge in Israel, Jabin the king of Canaan oppressed the Israelites. Deborah called unto her Barak and gave him instruction that he was to fight against Jabin with ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and Zebulun. Barak destroyed the army of Jabin and pursued his captain, Sisera. Sisera escaped to the tent of Heber the Kenite. Jael, Heber’s wife, invited Sisera into the tent where she drove a tent spike through his head while he slept. This was the beginning of the end for the king of Canaan. The hand of Israel grew stronger and stronger until they destroyed him.

“Then sang Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam on that day, saying, ‘For that the leaders took the lead in Israel, for that the people offered themselves willingly, bless ye Jehovah’” (Judg 5:1-2).

In their song, Deborah and Barak praised the fact that Israel had leaders who would lead and that the people were willing to follow. Although, Deborah was the judge in Israel and Barak was commissioned to captain the army of Israel, they understood the importance of having leaders among the people. Not only did they recognize the importance of leaders, but also the importance of people who were willing to follow their lead.

The church does not need someone to rise and lead an army against carnal enemies. However, it does need men who are willing to place themselves in leadership roles. For a local church to be correctly organized, it must have an eldership. Even in the absence of elders, there is a need for leaders. The work of local churches goes lacking, internal problems eat away its life like cancer, and members remain forever babes, when there is no one to lead.

Leadership in a local church must have two things to exist. 1) It must have those who are willing to lead. No man should serve as an elder who does not first desire the work (**1 Timothy 3:1**). 2) It must have those who are willing to follow. The Ethiopian man understood his need for guidance (**Acts 8:31**). The local church should acknowledge the same and seek out men to serve as elders.



“So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ And he said, ‘How can I, unless someone guides me?’” (Acts 8:30-31).

“Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing.” – Psalm 100:1-2

Family News

Connie Cobern is still struggling with bronchitis.

Metty Fain remains in Highland Manor Nursing Home; Room B2; 215 Highland Circle Dr; Portland, TN 37148.

Elmo Ferrell remains in room 101A at NHC for therapy.

Sandlyn Fultz continues to make progress. For details go online to:
www.caringbridge.org/cb/inputSiteName.do?method=search&siteName=nathanandsandlyn.

Sandra Hunt felt a little better this past week, especially in her shoulder. She is having an MRI this week to see if surgery is needed.

Al Johnson, Bob's father, has not been doing well.

Bruce Jones, Karen Moore's dad, is back in rehab.

Fran Pickens continues to struggle with dizzy spells and falling. Also, her cousin died last week.

Cotton and Nancy Reed are doing about the same.

Robert Wray got a good report from the doctor last Thursday.

New Reports from men we support: None known.

Out of town, traveling, or visiting: Hull's (AL, AM only), Malone's (OK).

Note – If you have any news for the bulletin (out of town, sick, etc.), then please let me know. I will be printing it most weeks on Saturday night, so please get the news to me by then. Thanks! – Troy

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"Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks" (1 Thes 5:16-18).