

The Bulletin

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“Why I Will Be At The Meeting At Every Single Service”

By Nicolas Edwards



If the Lord wills, I have purposed in my heart to be at our upcoming gospel meeting every single time the doors are open. Here's why:

TO FULFILL COMMAND.

The Hebrew writer penned, *"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching"* (Hebrews 10:25).

TO PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST.

The Lord said, *"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you"* (Matthew 6:33). Paul wrote, *"seek those things which are above" and "set your affection on things above"* (Colossians 3:1-2). The Lord said, *"But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven...For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also"* (Matthew 6:20-21).

What do you put first?

I LOVE THE LAW.

Psalm 119:97 says, *"O how love I thy law!"* Do you love the law? Do you desire the word more than fine gold (Psalm 19:10)? Suppose we started offering gold at the services, free of charge. Would you be there? We ought to value the word more than that! Those who aren't faithful in their attendance are expressing they do not love the law! I will be at the gospel meeting, every time the word is preached, because I love the law.

FOR MY BRETHREN.

It is our responsibility to love one another (John 13:34), prefer one another (Romans 12:10), admonish one another (Romans 15:14; Colossians 3:16), greet one another (1 Corinthians 16:20), edify one another (1 Thessalonians 5:11), exhort one another (Hebrews 3:13), and consider one another (Hebrews 10:24). I cannot do these things by forsaking the assembling! We ought to desire to come together and be among God's family. There is no other place I would rather be than in the house of God (1 Timothy 3:15)!

TO GROW.

It is our responsibility to grow (2 Peter 3:18). That's why we must *"as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby"* (1 Peter 2:2). We are to *"hunger and thirst after righteousness"* (Matthew 5:6). Job is a good example as he said, *"I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food"* (Job. 23:12). If you esteem God's words more than your necessary food then you will not miss a single night to be fed!

TO BE EDIFIED.

To be edified is to be built up or strengthened. Edification is a work of the church (Ephesians 4:11-12, 16). Edification takes place through the word (Acts 20:32). I want to be present every time the word is preached that I may be strengthened!

TO SET A GOOD EXAMPLE.

Paul told Timothy, *"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity"* (1 Timothy 4:12). Suppose every member attended like you attend. Would every member be present? Would no one be present? Would it be questionable or certain?

If the Lord wills, I hope to see you every service!

“ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE BROKENHEARTED”

By Brad Phillips

Webster defines "heart break" as "a state of extreme grief and depression." Therefore, the term "brokenhearted" is used metaphorically to describe "the intense emotional pain that one commonly feels after experiencing things such as the death of a loved one, the betrayal of a loved one, or the betrayal of a close friend."

Now, I venture to say, that many of you, like myself, have probably at some point in time experienced a broken heart. So, with that said, most of us are well aware of the fact that heart break hurts, and it can sometimes be extremely difficult to cope with and overcome.

However, heart break is nothing new, nor is it a respecter of persons, and again, many already have, are, or probably will at some point in time experience it. Even David, a man after God's own heart (Ref. Acts 13:22) experienced heart break. In Psalm 69:20, David experiencing a troubling time in his life expressed, *"Reproach has broken my heart, And I am full of heaviness; I looked for someone to take pity, but there was none; And for comforters, but I found none."*

Now, it is important to note that David, like many others during trying times in their lives searched for comfort, peace, and encouragement. However, David informed that he looked for someone to take pity, but there was none. He looked for comforters, but found none. Therefore, David made his urgent plea for help in a time of trouble to God. In Psalm 69:1-3, David's plea is, "Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to my neck. I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing; I have come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me. I am weary with my crying; My throat is dry; My eyes fail while I wait for my God."

So, what did David do when he was in an ultimate state of despair? He turned to God, giving the people of God today an example to likewise follow. My friends, I suggest to you that the best way for a Christian to mend a broken heart is to draw near to God (Ref. James 4:8), knowing that He comforts us in our tribulations (Ref. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4). Likewise, cast your burdens upon the Lord (Ref. Psalm 55:22), knowing that He cares for you (Ref. 1 Peter 5:7), and that He will sustain you. Also, immerse yourself in God's all inspired word (Ref. 2 Timothy 3:16), knowing that His word is more valuable to you than thousands of coins of gold and silver (Ref. Psalm 119:72), knowing that His word is sweeter than honey (Ref. Psalm 119:103), and rejoice as one who finds great treasure (Ref. Psalm 119:162).

Once again it is not always easy to mend a broken heart, but the best way to move past the hurt of a broken heart is to turn to God. Therefore, know that even in one's most broken state God does not despise a broken and contrite heart (Ref. Psalm 51:17), and always remember, the Lord can heal the brokenhearted (Ref. Psalm 147:3).

Memory Verse of the Week:



Jeremiah 29:11(ESV)

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

Those Who Need Our Prayers & Encouragement:

Tim Harris Sr, Tim Harris Jr, Chad Harris, Daniel Holloway, Robbie, Sheila, Sherry Doles, Sandi Poole, LuAnne Parrish, Billy Grisham, Burt Ward, George Hutto, B.J. Graves, Chandler McCain (Cancer), Michelle Hopper (Dan Cottrell's sister) has been diagnosed with cancer, Stacy & Annette Meeks, Anita Harris' mother, Hillard Switcher, Kiefer Norman (Robbie Doles' relative), Evelyn Trimble, Danny Briggs (cancer), Kelcy Whittemore, and Cameron Hutchins.

Updates: Tim Harris Sr. is recovering from surgery, continued prayers.
Billy Grisham has left the hospital, and is now in Iuka for rehabilitation.

Those Who Serve:

Sunday Morning 9:00 A.M. Service:

Opening Prayer: Conner Whittemore
Preaching: Brian Meade
Sermon #1: *"Being Reconciled To One Another"*

Auditorium Bible Class: 9:35am:

Workbook: Jerry Kennemur
1, 2, & 3 John
Author: By Michael Hardin
Starting Page & Question: *Page 64, Question #4*

Sunday Morning 10:30 A.M. Service:

Announcements: Russell Briggs
Opening Prayer & Scripture Reading: Dan Cottrell
Scripture Reading: *John 15:5-8*
Song Leader: Paul Busby
Lord's Supper: Fred Johnson
Assisting: ———
Preaching: Brian Meade
Sermon #2: *"Bearing Fruit For Jesus"*
Closing Prayer: Tim Harris Jr.

Wednesday Evening: 7:00 P.M.

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Auditorium Bible Class: Russell Briggs
Workbook: Great Bible Characters: Abraham
Author: By Mike Willis
Starting Page & Question: *Page #16, Question #10*
Invitation: Paul Busby
Song Leader: Brian Meade
Closing Prayer: Blake Briggs

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“Being Reconciled To One Another”

Lesson Text: **Acts 7:22-29.**

I. Bible Examples Of Reconciliation.

- Jacob And Esau In **Genesis 33:1-7.**
- Joseph And His Brothers In **Genesis 45:3-15.**
- The Prodigal Son In **Luke 15:20-24.**
- Paul And Barnabas In **Acts 15:36-41; 2 Timothy 4:11.**
- The Fornicator In **1 Corinthians 5:1-5 & 2 Corinthians 2:6-11.**
- Onesimus And Philemon In The Book Of **Philemon 12-16.**

II. Times We Need To Pursue Reconciliation.

- When A Believer Has Been Overtaken By Sin- **Galatians 6:1.**
- When A Christian Needs To Repent- **James 5:19-20; Acts 8:18-24.**
- When You Have Something Against Your Brother- **Matthew 5:23-24.**
- When A Brother Sins Against Another Brother- **Matthew 18:15-17.**
- When Husbands & Wives Need To Repair Their Relationship- **1 Peter 3:7; Col. 3:19.**
- When Brothers In A Family Are Not On Speaking Terms- **Luke 15:25-32.**

III. The Rewards Of Reconciliation.

- First Of All, It Pleases God When We Are Unified Again- **Psalms 133:1; Eph. 4:3.**
- The Work Of The Church Is Not Hindered By Strife & Division- **Ephesians 4:15-16.**
- With Reconciliation Comes Forgiveness, Love Restored, & Salvation- **Col. 3:14-15.**

“Bearing Fruit For Jesus”

Lesson Text: **John 15:1-8.**

I. Jesus Expects Us To Bear Fruit In His Service.

- **15:2**, A Sad Reality, That Some Christians Don't Bear Fruit And Are Taken Away.
- **15:2**, It Is The Purpose Of God's Pruning, So We Can Bear More Fruit.
- **15:4-6**, We Are To Abide In Jesus In Order To Bear Fruit, Otherwise We Are Burned Up.
- **15:8**, God Is Glorified When We Bear Much Fruit, And God Should Be Glorified!
- **Mark 11:12-14; 20-21.**

II. What Kind Of Fruit Should We Bear?

- *“Fruit Worthy of Repentance”* **Matthew 3:8** (NKJB).
“Therefore produce fruit that proves your repentance,” (NET Bible).
- *“Good Fruit”* **Matthew 3:9-10**, Not *“Bad Fruit”* **Matthew 7:17-19.**
- *“Peaceable Fruit Of Righteousness”* **Hebrews 12:11.**
James 3:17-18 (Contrast 14-16).
- **Colossians 1:10**, *“Every Good Work And The Knowledge Of God.”*
- **Romans 6:21-22**, Contrast Of Sin And *“Fruit To Holiness.”*
- Helping The Needs Of The Saints, **Romans 15:25-28; Philippians 4:14-17.**
- **Hebrews 13:15**, *“The Sacrifice Of Praise To God.”*

III. How Can We Bear Much Fruit?

- By Focusing On Bearing Good Fruit- **Matthew 7:17.**
- By Cleansing Ourselves- **John 15:3.**
- By Abiding In Christ- **John 15:5.**
- By Adding The Christian Graces To Our Life- **2 Peter 1:5-8.**