



Sunday – Apr. 23, 2023

The Lakeland Hills Leader

Lakeland Hills church of Christ

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

9:00 AM Bible Study
9:50 AM Worship
6:00 PM Worship

Wednesday

7:00 PM Bible Study

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Bob Marschall
Leon Miller
Larry Wisdom

Deacons

Bucky Day
Sherman Johnson
Michael Sadler
David Williams

Evangelist

Chuck Kozens

Our Gospel Meeting with Jeff Himmel

Today begins our Spring Gospel Meeting with Jeff Himmel and it continues thru Wed evening. This is OUR Gospel meeting. Every member is equally responsible, to the extent of their abilities and opportunity, for making this effort a success.

We are not having this Gospel meeting just because it is a custom. Nothing should be done in the church of the Lord because of custom. We are not having this Gospel meeting to provide entertainment (Rom.14:17). It is also not to create some sensation to draw large crowds of people. It is not to promote some man's theory or doctrine. Conflicting theories and doctrines of men discredit true religion (Matt. 15:9). It is also not to raise money for some special project. Christians give of their means on the first day of the week in order to carry on the Lord's work (1 Cor. 16:2).

We are having this Gospel Meeting in order that Truth be proclaimed and false doctrine corrected (John 8:12), that the church might be strengthened (Eph.4:12), and that the lost might be taught and converted (Matt.16:26).

Things We can Do to Have a Successful Gospel Meeting:

1. Pray for the success of the meeting (James 5:16). Pray for sinners (Rom. 10:1), pray for the preacher (Eph. 6:18 -19), pray for the church, and for yourself.
2. Invite others to come and bring your friends and neighbors with you.
3. Attend every service. It is our responsibility before God to attend! (Heb. 10:25).
4. We need to be here to set the right example, and if we truly love the church and lost souls we will be here to encourage and be encouraged.
5. We must be attentive to the lessons and join in the singing of spiritual songs, and prayers to God. We cannot be a casual observer.
6. We must realize our need to hear the Gospel and have our mind stirred to greater faithfulness.
7. Understand, we will only get out of the meeting what we are willing to put in it.
8. We must examine what is said in light of the Truth of the Gospel.

Things We can Do to Hinder this Gospel Meeting:

1. Don't attend every service. Let other things in this life take precedence over worshipping God.
2. Never invite anyone else to attend.
3. Sit in the back and don't participate in the service.
4. Watch to see how well the song leader can sing without your help.
5. Talk to others and play with the babies instead of listening to the lesson.
6. Watch closely every remark of the preacher and hunt for mistakes in his grammar and mannerisms, instead of looking for guidance, exhortation, and strength.
7. Make excuses to the un-believers who come for the Truth that has been taught.
8. Never pray for the meeting, for the preacher, for the listeners, or for the church.
9. Let your mind wander and think about physical things you are involved in instead of concentrating on the spiritual feast of God's Word.
10. Tune the lesson being taught out of your mind and sleep instead of listening.

The Gospel meeting has been planned for our strength and edification and that the lost be taught. Jeff has put together a series of lessons to build us up and strengthen

us. He has spent time in preparation and has studied these lessons in order to be able to present them in a way that we might understand and gain strength from them. It is our responsibility to attend so that we can be encouraged and that we can encourage others. It should be our desire to come to each service to worship the God of Heaven and Earth who created us, who blesses us with all spiritual blessings in Christ, who blesses us in this life and has given us hope thru the shed blood of his Son and our Savior. Will you be here this week? Will you invite Others? Will you be attentive and be strengthened? Or will you let other things keep you away and pass up the opportunity to worship and study with the Saints?

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Some of these Points and Thoughts were Taken from "The Voice of Underwood Heights bulletin, June 1975 " from an article by Donald Townley

Phil. 2:1-2 (NASB) *“Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose”.*