

HELP PROMOTE OUR GOSPEL MEETING

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“Prepare to meet thy God” from Amos 4:12 is the theme for our Spring gospel meeting this year at the Tiftonia Church of Christ. In this article I would like to set out three ways every member of the church here can “help promote our gospel meeting.”

First, the foremost way is for every member to plan to be in attendance. The meeting begins on Sunday, May 19th and continues through Friday night, May 24th. Services will be at 7 p.m. each evening *including Sunday evening*. After Jesus healed the 10 lepers in Luke 17:14 you will remember that only one returned to glorify God for his cleansing, and Jesus asked, “Where are the nine?” (v. 17). You can’t be a member of the church at Tiftonia without having been cleansed from your past sins (Acts 2:47; 22:16). Sin is a worse fate than one might endure as a leper because it results in eternal death (Romans 6:23). So, none of us would want to have the Lord ask the question of us “where are the nine?” when a very special meeting has been planned well in advance that will glorify God.

Second, like Andrew who upon finding the Christ “first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah [Messiah], which is, being interpreted, the Christ” (John 1:40-41), we need to take the necessary time to reflect upon our own family members who would listen to us when we invite them to come to the gospel meeting and learn more about the Christ. Preparations to meet God need to be made, and of all people, we certainly want those closest to us—our own family—to be prepared. It is a hard, cold fact that the vast majority of humanity will stand before God in the Judgment unprepared because they allowed the pursuits and pleasures of life to distract them from the most important and consequential event—not only in their lives but in all the history of man—to occur without proper preparation (Matthew 7:22).

Three, make sure you get one of the colorful 4x6 postcards containing all the information about the meeting and mail it to someone you know that will appreciate the invitation and come to the meeting. That’s a great way to invite someone because it has all the information: the times, lesson titles, and even a map showing how to get here. It’s good to mail that right away so the person invited will have time to make plans to attend. My family became members of the church of Christ decades ago because a friend invited my parents to attend the worship services with them. Now their children and grandchildren have obeyed the gospel and their great grandchildren are being brought up in the “nurture and admonition of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:1-4). This may seem too simple to pay attention to, but it can have far reaching results if we will just do it.

We have plenty of time to “be about our Father’s business” in regard to our May 19-24th gospel meeting. And, we are taught of God to be “redeeming the time, because the days are evil” (Ephesians 5:16). Let’s try these 3 ways to promote the meeting and give God the glory for what happens!