

## The Power of Questions

There is probably nothing more confronting than a question. Questions are probing, the questioner frequently already knowing the answer, or at least thinking he does. Questions make us think. They cause us to look inside ourselves and examine self. A case in point is the question God asked Adam after he ate of the forbidden fruit: "*Where art thou?*" (Gen. 3:9). Was God unaware of Adam's whereabouts? Of course He wasn't. God knew exactly where Adam was- more than Adam even realized. But did *Adam know* where he was? Adam was in sin! You see, the question was designed to cause Adam to think about the predicament in which he and Eve found themselves.

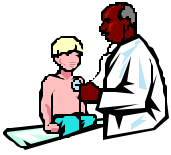
Questions are very good at doing that. They challenge us to consider and explore the unknown, or remind us of what we may have ignored or forgotten. Let the following questions challenge you by seeking a relevant application in your life.

- "*What is that in thine hand?*" (Ex. 4:2).
- "*Who is the Lord that I should obey his voice?*" (Ex. 5:2).
- "*Lovest thou me more than these?*" (John 21:15).
- "*Shall not the judge of all the world do right?*" (Gen. 18:25).
- "*Am I my brother's keeper?*" (Gen. 4:9).
- "*Is there not a cause?*" (1 Sam. 17:29).
- "*What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?*" (Matt. 16:26).
- "*Art thou he that troubleth Israel?*" (1 Kings 18:17).
- "*Am I in the place of God?*" (Gen. 50:19).
- "*What have they seen in thine house?*" (2 Kings 20:15).
- "*Will a man rob God?*" (Mal. 3:8).
- "*Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment?*" (Matt. 22:12).
- "*Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?*" (Lam. 1:12).
- "*Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?*" (Isa. 6:8).
- "*How long halt ye between two opinions?*" (1 Kings 18:21).
- "*Wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?*" (Acts 13:10).
- "*Who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?*" (Luke 3:7).
- "*Can two walk together, except they be agreed?*" (Amos 3:3).
- "*And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?*" (1 Pet. 4:18).
- "*And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?*" (Luke 6:46).
- "*Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?*" (Esth. 4:14).
- "*If God be for us, who can be against us?*" (Rom. 8:31).

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# Sick

Continue to remember in prayer:  
**Marguerite Charles,  
 Margaret Kratz, Betty Jenkins,  
 Crawford & Martha Keith, Mariam  
 Majors, Steve Harrah, Mary Reese,  
 Bill Paul, Buddy Martin**



David Wilcox hoped to be released on Friday from RMH.

Mary Anderson is at LGH. Lyn has been moved to the Oaks, Room

Cheryl, friend of Jeremy & Jessica White, in in the hospital in Tennessee.

Dr. Bert Spetzler, friend of Greg Edwards, suffered spinal injuries last week after a bike accident.

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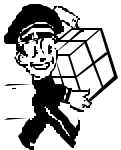
### Happy Birthday this week to:

Shannon Lowe—10/23  
 Barbara Foley—10/23  
 Mary Ellen Crowe—10/24  
 Becky Cooke—10/25  
 Thomas Kelly—10/25



### Happy Anniversary this week to:

Bobby & Wanda Martin—10/25



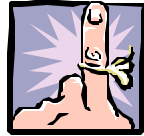

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**OCTOBER ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS: Parmesan Cheese and Stain Sticks.** Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!



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So much power resides in brief questions. God has so much to say to people through His holy word that would benefit us greatly if only we would be honest with Him and ourselves. Are you truly seeking God's favor in your life? Then you have nothing to fear from God's questions. But if you're hiding something - secret sin, idolatry, pride, etc., then you will feel uncomfortable with God's questions. Only by throwing off the yoke of sin and giving Christ His proper place in your life will you be able to find the peace of mind and soul. Where are you? – Howell Ferguson



### Gospel Meeting: Gary Hampton October 19-22

We will be having a pot luck dinner today after morning services.

### Feed the Preacher Schedule

Team 1 (Simms) will be on Monday evening at Shoney's at 5:30  
 Team 2 (Garby) will be on Tuesday at Mama Maria's at 5:15  
 Team 3 (Valentine) will be a potluck on Wednesday, 5:45

### All Evening Services will be at 7:00 PM Including tonight!!

Tom Richardson will have CD's available. Sign up on the media door if you would like a copy of this meeting!

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### Upcoming Gospel Meetings

October 24-26  
 Rich Creek, Virginia  
**Upcoming Lectureships (See Board for details)**  
 November 6-9  
 Cold Harbor Lectureship In Mechanicsville, VA

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## For Your Information



## Teens

### November Dates

Nov. 2—TBS—7:00

Nov. 15—Teen Service Project

Nov. 30—Young Men conduct Evening Services

### MEETINGS THIS WEEK

The Area-Wide Preachers meeting will be October 20 at 10:30 and the WOW Group meeting will be October 21 at 10:30 with guest speaker, Gary Hampton.

### PRIMARY TEACHERS MEETING

Primary Teachers Meeting will be on October 26 at 4:30. All teachers are expected to attend so mark your calendars now. 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade teachers are in charge of snacks.

### LADIES NIGHT OUT

Shirley Baker and Paula Gibson will be hosting the October Ladies Night Out on October 28 at 6:30. Sign up sheet on the board.

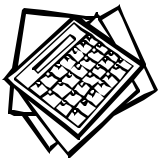
### WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

There will be a Wednesday Fellowship meal on October 29 at 5:45. Menu will be Chili and Fixin's! Sign up on the board and pay \$5 at the door!

### MENS PLANNING BREAKFAST

The yearly Men's Planning Breakfast will be on November 15 at 8 AM. Mark your calendars and gather ideas for this meeting!

### November and December Calendars



I will need all upcoming events for the months of November and December in the office by October 26. This includes **Team events**, **Teen events**, and **LNO!!** You can place your dates/events in the box on the Media Door! Thanks!!

No one can go back and make a new beginning, but everyone can start here and make a brand new end.

## WOW

Please sign up on the WOW board for the video Auto-biographies being done by Richard Simms.

Next WOW meeting will be on Tuesday, October 21, at 10:30.



**Team 2 (Garby) will be having a Progressive Dinner on November 1 starting at 5:30 PM.**

A **progressive dinner** (US) or *safari supper* (UK) is a dinner party in which each successive course is prepared and eaten at the residence of a different host. It is essentially a variant on a potluck dinner, with travel involved. Now that you have the definition, plan on attending this event on November 1, 2008. We will be starting at the home of Jason and Melissa Oldham at 5:30. They will be hosting the appetizer course. After we have our fill of appetizers we will be moving to the home of Herb & Shirley Baker for the Main Course. We have chosen a menu that includes chicken, (fried, baked, nuggets, etc.), 3 side vegetable dishes and bread. For our final course, desserts, we will travel to the home of Madolia Rosette and finally be so full we can't move!! But we will have fun and enjoy each others company. Make plans now to attend and sign up on the board so we can have a total number of guests to prepare for!

All Teams: Please check the Feed the Preacher Schedule and plan on attending your teams dinner!!

## October 2008

<b>Announcements</b>	Danny Guard
<b>Song Leader (AM)</b>	Jeff Durham
<b>Opening Prayer (AM)</b>	
<b>10/5</b>	Don Pettit
<b>10/12</b>	Jerry Anderson
<b>10/19</b>	Tom Rogers
<b>10/26</b>	Roger Mays
<b>Preside at Communion</b>	Tom Richardson
<b>Serve Table</b>	Glenn Gabbard    Mark Brooks Bob Martin        Garrett Durham
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	
<b>10/5</b>	Charlie Maness
<b>10/12</b>	Josh Whitlow
<b>10/19</b>	Charlie Gwaltney
<b>10/26</b>	George Mellon
<b>Song Leader (PM)</b>	David Brown
<b>Opening Prayer (PM)</b>	
<b>10/5</b>	Jim Harrington
<b>10/12</b>	Barry White
<b>10/19</b>	Paul Mays
<b>10/26</b>	Herb Baker
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Bradford Durham
<b>Closing Prayer (PM)</b>	
<b>10/5</b>	Sam Valentine
<b>10/12</b>	Charlie Puckett
<b>10/19</b>	Gene Benefield
<b>10/26</b>	Mike Durham
<b>Serve Table (PM)</b>	
	Cameron Brown    Nathan Pelfrey
<b>Song Leader (Wed)</b>	Josh Whitlow
<b>Prayer (Wed)</b>	
<b>10/1</b>	Garrett Durham
<b>10/8</b>	Cameron Brown
<b>10/15</b>	Ethan Rogers
<b>10/22</b>	Fred Altizer
<b>10/29</b>	Greg Edwards
<b>Open/Close Bldg</b>	Tom Rogers
<b>Greeters</b>	Barry & Gloria White Jeremy & Jessica White
<b>Nursery Attend</b>	Kay Anderson    Jean Argabright
<b>Ushers</b>	John Black        Curtis Oakes
<b>Handouts</b>	Gene Benefield    Adam House Glenn Hartman    Fred Altizer
<b>Alternates</b>	Lyn Shrader
<b>Prepare communion</b>	
	Dee House        Melissa Marshall
<b>Cards &amp; Pencils</b>	
	Jimmy & Caroline Harrington

### Last weeks attendance 10/12&15/08

Bible Class—n/c    Worship Service—179  
Sunday Eve.—n/c    Wednesday Eve.—143  
Contribution—\$6467

Number 2942  
October 19, 2008

## What Can I Do For Our Gospel Meeting?

Our gospel meeting begins today. If you are visiting with us we welcome you to West Side. We have been preparing for your visit and hope you will enjoy your time with us. We are excited about having you here.

Sunday night we discussed some ways each of us can contribute to the success of our meeting. For those who were not present, the basic thoughts from that lesson are presented below. Through Wednesday night we still have abundant opportunity to assist in this effort. Consider three things you can do to help.

**Supply It With Your Prayers** Hopefully, you have been praying for this effort already. This week, we should pray even more earnestly. Pray for Gary Hampton as he stands before us on each occasion this week. Pray for opportunities to reach others with invitations and encouragement to attend. Pray for those who will be here who have never obeyed the gospel. Pray for the wayward that they might seize the opportunity of restoration that is theirs this week.

**Support It With Your Presence** It is our responsibility (Heb. 10:25; Mt. 5:166:33), but also our privilege to gather on such occasions to worship God and enjoy rich fellowship with each other. Each member of West Side should strive to the best of his ability to be present for every service this week. We need the encouragement and strength your presence will provide.

**Strengthen It With Your Participation** Although your prayers and your presence are good, your participation is even better. Advertisements are still available (flyers; extra copies of House to House) for distribution. There is still plenty of time to invite that neighbor, co-worker, classmate, relative or friend. Each of us can be an Andrew this week and bring someone to Christ (Jn. 1:35-46).

So, what can you do for our gospel meeting this week? Plenty!

-Eddy