

### Putting Myself in the Visitor's Shoes

The writer visited with a kind-hearted couple and had a Bible study with them. They had visited services once and loved it. The writer wanted to share the three things that impressed

them most as we prepare for any visitors next week.

1. **Friendliness.** This is so easy and so powerful. The only thing that visitors remember longer that a friendly church is an unfriendly one. These visitors were greeted over and over again by Christians they had never met. This atmosphere shows happiness and the love which fills our hearts when we assemble to worship, and it shows that we want others to share His love.
2. **Great singing.** This gentleman, upon learning that we had no piano or organ told us they assumed our singing would be monotone and depressing. He and his wife were amazed at the beautiful way we could sing without accompaniment. They enjoyed singing with us. "Did you have special training?" he asked. The writer explained that this was the simple way they worshipped in the early church and therefore, the way we worship today.
3. **A large Sunday night crowd.** Are you aware of the fact that many churches in our valley stopped having services on Sunday evenings due to lack of interest? Because of this a church in which Sunday evening services are well attended really stands out in the minds of those who visit.

If you aren't faithfully attending Sunday nights and could be, please seriously consider this last point. When you willfully miss, you show our visitors that worshipping our Lord is of little importance to you. And a weak Christian will never be able to draw others to be devout Christians. Our goal is for us to have the SAME size crowds on Sunday nights that we have on Sunday mornings. What lesser goal could we set and still please our Master?

With these three things in mind, we have our work cut out for us. Let's make our guests feel welcome, and may they travel home smiling with the knowledge that they have been with Christians who are truly committed to what they do.

- Glenn Colley

### A Successful Campaign for Christ Depends on Us!

1. **IT DEPENDS ON OUR ATTITUDE.** Are we looking forward to it? Do we realize its potential for good? Are we excited about the cause of Christ?
2. **IT DEPENDS ON OUR ATTENDANCE.** Some meetings fail because 50% of the members do not attend any service except Sunday and Wednesday. Will we clear our schedule so we can be present at every service?
3. **IT DEPENDS ON OUR INVITATIONS.** Regardless of all the advertising done through printed announcements, the newspapers, radio, etc., visitors will usually attend only if personally invited by a Christian friend. How many do you plan to invite?
4. **IT DEPENDS ON OUR FRIENDLINESS.** Do our visitors feel welcome and wanted in our services? How many of us make a special effort to greet visitors and invite them back?
5. **IT DEPENDS ON OUR PARTICIPATION.** Nothing "kills" a service so effectively as a combination of back-seat sitting, inattention during the services, and poor singing. How simple these problems are to solve! Will we?
6. **IT DEPENDS ON OUR PRAYERS.** Are we praying for the preacher, the song leader, those who need to respond?
7. **IT DEPENDS ON OUR ENCOURAGEMENT.** A word of love and encouragement to one who needs to respond to heaven's invitation means so much. Words of appreciation to those who work on behalf of the meeting will help insure success. Let's all encourage one another!

Yes, Christian friends, a successful campaign for Christ depends on us. Let's do our part! Our campaign is planned for October 28—November 1—speaker, Jerry Martin—time 7:00 pm. Let's make it a success!

-submitted by Barry White

## Teens

### **October Dates to Remember**

10/28-11/1—Gospel Meeting and Door-knocking campaign

### **November Dates:**

11/4—TBS after evening services

11/16—Youth Service Project

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### **Gospel Meeting/MSOP Door Knocking October 28-November 1**



Our fall gospel meeting starts next week. Be making plans now to be here for this event.

**Special Thanks** to those who have sent out encouragement letters. The students are really enjoying them!!!!

Evening Meal update:

Monday night-Team 1 will be responsible for the meal on Monday night.

Tuesday night-Team 3 will be responsible for the meal on Tuesday night.

Wednesday night-Team 2 will be responsible for the meal on Wednesday night.

Thursday night-Team 4 will be responsible for the meal on Thursday night.

**Team Leaders**—give all monies collected to Tom Rogers!

All team members-If your team leader has not contacted you with the details, please see your team leader as soon as you can for details.

***Flyers and H2H are in the foyer.  
Pick one or more up and invite  
your friends and neighbors.***

## Team Events

**Team 1**— will have a Sing-n-Sweets Fellowship on Friday, October 26, at Jack & Lori Cook's home. Starts at 6:30. Sign up sheet posted.

**Team 3**—Please sign up for your meal with the MSOP students and pay David.

**Team 4**— will be in charge of set up and clean up of the fellowship meal on Sunday, 10/28. They will also be having Team pot-luck fellowship meals on November 18 & December 9 after morning services.

See your team leader with any questions!!

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## Soul Winning

Is there anything else that is better worth,  
As along life's way we plod,  
Than to find some wandering soul of earth,  
And bring him home to God?

I would rather find a soul that is lost,  
And bring him home again,  
Than to own what all earth's acres cost,  
Or all the wealth of men.

Wouldn't I be glad when the day is done,  
In breathing my latest breath,  
To know some word of mine had won  
And saved a soul from death?

- unknown

## SICK

**WJ Wood** is home after his short stay in the VA Hospital.

**Gene Benefield** will be having rotator cuff surgery tomorrow.

Tirzah Cook, oldest daughter of **Jack & Lori Cook**, is in ICU at UVA Hosp. She will be going to Woodrow Wilson Rehab in Fishersville in the future.

Johnny Simpson, son-in-law of **Marguerite Charles**, has cancer.

Letha Moore, grandmother of **Tom Duff**, suffered a heart attack last week.

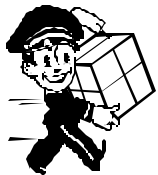
Remember the following in prayer: **Betty Jenkins, Marguerite Charles, Collin & Luetta Gregory, Ruth Cooke, Effie Wimmer.**

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Happy Birthday this week to:  
Shannon Lowe—10/23  
Becky Cooke—10/25  
Patti Gwaltney—10/27



## SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER ITEMS FOR THE



**STAFFORDS:** Torengo's and dream whip envelopes. Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!

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## MILITARY

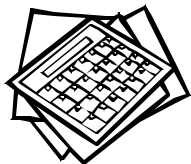
Ty Stricklin—Stationed in Iraq

John Duran—overseas.



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## November & December events need to be



**into the office by October 28. Thanks in advance!**

## DOOR KNOCKING SIGN UP SHEET

If you can assist in any of the door-knocking sessions during our campaign, please sign in the appropriate place on the list on the bulletin board. We need to know how many there will be in order to prepare lunch. If you are involved in the door-knocking effort you are invited for lunch each day. You can be an active participant, or simply a "silent partner" in this effort. Remember that the students from the school of preaching will be here to work with us, not for us. If you can spare a morning or afternoon, please sign up to assist in this effort.

## WELCOME BAGS FOR MSOP STUDENTS

Annette Shrader is looking for donations to fill the **15** welcome bags for the students. Ideas for items include: chewing gum, mints, mini hand sanitizers, granola bars, travel tissues, etc. Please give all items to Annette tonight.

## HOST FAMILIES

If you are hosting one or more of the MSOP students, make sure you pick up the welcome bags on Wednesday night out of the kitchen.

## MSOP ARRIVAL

The MSOP student will be arriving Saturday evening. They will be joining us for the fellowship meal on Sunday. See Bob Garby for details.

## PRIMARY TEACHERS

All scope and sequence forms are due into Kay Anderson today. Please give to her ASAP and she needs every teachers form.

## NOVEMBER DATES:

TBS—11/4

LNO—11/9—Lori Cook's home

Men's Planning Session & Breakfast—11/10

Area-Wide Preachers' Meeting—11/12

Wednesday Fellowship—11/14

Teen Service Project—11/16

Team 4 Fellowship—11/18

**October 2007****Announcements** Fred Altizer**Song Leader (AM)** Jeff Durham**Opening Prayer (AM)****10/7** Barry White**10/14** Gene Benefield**10/21** Charlie Gwaltney**10/28** Collin Gregory**Preside at Communion** Wayne Dixon**Serve Table** Tom Rogers Charlie Puckett  
Garrett Durham John Black**Closing Prayer****10/7** Jim Harrington**10/14** Bob Garby**10/21** Greg Edwards**10/28** Murphy Scott**Song Leader (PM)** Charlie Gwaltney**Opening Prayer (PM)****10/7** Eric Earnhart**10/14** Jeremy White**10/21** Bob Martin**10/28** Danny Guard**Scripture Reader** Sam Valentine**Closing Prayer (PM)****10/7** Herb Baker**10/14** Jeff Durham**10/21** Ethan Rogers**10/28** George Mellon**Serve Table (PM)** Herb Baker Glenn Gabbard**Song Leader (Wed)** Bob Garby**Prayer (Wed)****10/3** Tom Rogers**10/10** Richard Simms**10/17** Norris Gearhart**10/24** Jim Bush**10/31** AC Janney**Open/Close Bldg** Lyn Shrader**Greeters** Pettits Gearharts**Nursery Attend** Hazel Maness Lisa Valentine**Ushers** Roger Mays Glenn Hartman**Handouts** Sam Valentine John Black

Preston Duff

**Alternates** Danny Guard**Prepare comm.** Annette Shrader & Sandy Garby**Cards & Pencils** Rebecca Doss & Sydney Durham**Last weeks attendance** 10/14&17/2007

Bible Class— 146 Worship Service—200

Eve. Worship— 108 Wed. Service—125

Contribution—\$5148

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