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## MEET

## ~ DAVID LIPE ~

### NEW ALBANY CHURCH OF CHIRST ~ GOSPEL MEETING SPEAKER



#### Education

M.S., Counseling and Community Service, The University of Memphis

Ph.D., Philosophy and Ethics, The University of Tennessee

M.A., Philosophy and Religion, Harding University  
Graduate of Religion

B.A., Bible and Greek, Harding University

3rd Year Certificate in Bible, Freed-Hardeman University

A.A., Bible and Greek, Freed-Hardeman University

#### Biographical Information

David L. Lipe was born at Charleston, Mississippi, on February 11, 1949. He taught Bible and Humanities at Freed-Hardeman University from 1990 to 2010. He continues to serve as the Director of the Annual Bible Lectureship at Freed-Hardeman, a position he has held since 1994. In February, 2003 he was selected for the rank of Distinguished Professor by the FHU Board of Trustees.

He is married to the former Linda Wilson of Detroit, Michigan and they have three daughters: Carrie, Rachel, and Nikki. David and Linda have five grandchildren-- Kyle Gooch, Jessica Gooch, Olivia Combs, Kate Simpson, and Ellie Simpson.

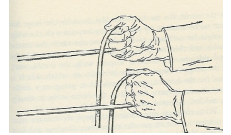
David has been preaching since 1967. He has done local work in Mississippi, Tennessee, and Alabama. He has been involved in various mission campaigns in at least five foreign countries. He currently serves as director of Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies (formerly East Tennessee School of Preaching). He holds a number of gospel meetings each year as well as gives lectures on other occasions. He has participated in public debates discussing such topics as baptism, instrumental music, the Godhead, miraculous gifts, and Holy Spirit baptism. He conducts seminars on Christian evidences, Christian ethics, and church growth. He is very committed to evangelism.

He has always had an interest in classic cars and has built many custom cars and street rods.

## Are You Holding the Lord Back?

Tim Childs

A parent may use a harness to restrict the forward progress of a young, energetic child who might otherwise fall into some danger. A trainer may use a bridle to slow a horse wanting to run. We recognize sometimes there is energy that needs to be restrained.



Jesus was a “man on a mission.” He was a man on the go. He traveled into the districts of Palestine, into the villages, homes and temple. He went where the people were. During His day in the flesh, He could not be held back by friend or foe. In spite of his imprisonment for Jesus, Paul affirmed how “...*the word of god is not bound*” (2 Tim. 2:9).

Why are brethren restraining Jesus? Why do some of us try to silence Him? How does Jesus see our actions? Does He see us as “holding back” the advancement of His kingdom? Woe unto those who do!

If you’re not present on the line, you’re holding the Lord back. Two considerations: (1) you’ve got to be present and accounted for, and (2) you’ve got to be pulling at the line. God doesn’t need spectators. He needs workers. “Brethren, **please** put on some suitable clothing and get in here and pull.”

If you’re not keeping yourself spiritually fit, you’re holding the Lord back. In Paul’s first epistle to the Corinthians, he classified some of the brethren as being “*weak and sickly*” (1Cor. 11:30). Without due emphasis on our spiritual condition, we may become weak in faith and suffer from a weakened conscience, too. On the other hand, you and I may make outstanding contributions when we are being “...*strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might*” (Eph. 6:10). There is no greater strength anywhere.

If you’re primarily focusing your mind on worldly things, you’re holding the Lord back. Paul wrote to the Philippian saints about the nature and actions of some who were enemies of the cross of Christ. They were a people whose interests were fixed upon “*earthly things*” (Phil. 3:18-19) and whose lust (flesh, eyes and pride) will ultimately pass away along with the material world (cf. 1 Jn. 2:15-17). Where is your heart?

If you’re not pulling with all your might, you’re holding the Lord back. A man may be standing with his team, holding the rope and in the pulling stance with his fellows, and yet be failing to actually pull. He looks good, but it’s only an act of self-deception. God knows if our heart is really in it. The only true form of leadership is that which is done by example.

If you refuse to have a “team spirit,” you’re holding the Lord back. Some folks betray themselves by their use of the pronouns “I” and “me.” Some individuals are only seeking attention, glory and praise, and they act accordingly. The body is one, and made up of many different members who contribute important functions within the spiritual body of Christ. None are unneeded. God has given the church no “boss” to whom we surrender. Jesus is the Lord, and we all need to follow his direction. He is the Captain (Heb. 2:10).

### YOUTH NEWS YOUTH NEWS

- Senior Bible Bowl will meet Sun. March 17th at the Mayfield Church of Christ. This will be the final competition for this school year. The youth will leave for their competition following the noon meal at the fellowship building.
- The Junior Bible Bowl will meet March 23rd at the Hillcrest Church of Christ. This will be their final competition for this school year.
- This month’s Youth Devo will be held Sun. night, March 24th. The *Parks’* and *Smithey’s* will be hosting.
- Our youth are working very hard preparing for the Lads to Leaders Convention which will be held March 29-31 in Memphis, TN.



**PRAYER LIST**

**Janet Drummond**, underwent eye surgery Monday in Memphis, TN.

**Marie Beard** is recovering from surgery for reconstruction of her jaw joints. She remains in a great deal of pain.

**Hannah Wilson**, six month old cousin of *Kim Clayton* and *April Pounders* was to have open-heart surgery Monday, March 11th.

**Suzette Renix**, sister of *Perry Jones* has kidney problems and may be facing dialysis.

**Darrell Crow** is scheduled to have prostate surgery March 22nd, in Birmingham, AL.

**Nora Whitaker**, sister of *Jerry Grimmett* has been admitted to the hospital due to dehydration.

**Continual Prayer :**

**Rivers Robertson, Linda Griggs, Noah Judd, Eleta Grimmett, Shirley Smedly, Carl Smith, Barry Yancey, John & Carol Anson, Jennie Frohn, Randy Dunnam, Will Neely, Pat Reed, Jack Dunlap, Melissa Reed, Diane Sloan, Rosie Wilson, Tauso Branch, Prebble Foster, Tony Cross, Norman Brown, Al Pless, Shane Crofts, Terry & Betty Young**

**Shut-Ins:**

**Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Teresa Clark**

**Nursing Home/Assisted Living:**

**Belle Cross, Mattie Golden, Amy Vest, Laura Mae Harris, Louise Holcomb, Nora Whitaker**

**Military List:**

**David & Barry Wilhite, Jimmie Stutts, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Hamm, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud & Christopher Phagan**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



- March 15..... Masey Kate Adams
- March 15..... Andy Clemmer
- March 17..... Patricia Crow
- March 17..... Laura Mae Harris
- March 19..... Dan Cobb
- March 19..... Clay Jennings
- March 21..... Bill Botts
- March 23..... Isabella McMillen

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

- March 17..... Mark & Alyce Jennings
- March 24..... J.D. & Sue Stroud



**GOSPEL MEETING SCHEDULE**

- Sunday, March 17th: 9:30am Bible Class; 7th grade — Adult III will meet in the auditorium. Worship begins at 10:25am. A noon meal will be served following morning services. Adult III class will be in charge of the fellowship building. Our evening service will begin at 6:30pm instead of 6:00.
- Monday, March 18th: Meal at 5:45 hosted by the adult I class. Service begins at 7:00pm.
- Tuesday, March 19th: Meal at 5:45 hosted by the adult II class. Service begins at 7:00pm.
- Wednesday, March 20th; Meal at 5:45 hosted by the adult III class. Service begins at 7:00pm.



**YOUNG ADULT CLASS**

A new class for the young adults began Sunday. This class, being taught by *Andy Clemmer*, will meet both Sunday and Wednesday, in the annex building.

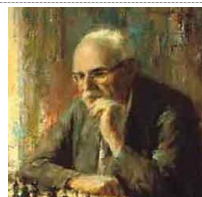
**AREA EVENTS**

- Spring Youth Day Program hosted by the Hwy 178 Church of Christ in New Albany, will be held March 16th, beginning at 9:00am
- Chapman Church of Christ Gospel Meeting will be March 17th-20th with Adam Miller as guest speaker. Time: 7:00pm Sun.-Wed. evening.

**God is like:**

**TIDE**

**He gets the stains out others leave behind.**



## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....9:30  
 Morning Worship.....10:30  
 Evening Worship.....6:00  
 Wednesday Bible Study....7:00

### MINISTER

Mike King..... 507-0625  
 Home ..... 534-6872  
 Office..... 534-4649

### ELDERS

Richard Jennings .....534-6671  
 Troy Robertson .....534-3491

### DEACONS

Greg Clayton..... 252-9762  
 Roger Clayton..... 538-8195  
 Harold Russell ..... 534-4648  
 Randy Wall ..... 316-9255  
 Lonnie Weaver..... 801-8448

### TO SERVE

Scripture.....Cody Clemmer  
 A.M. Prayer.....Bill Botts  
 Closing Prayer....Jason Jennings  
 P.M. Prayer.....Jerry Gibson  
 Closing.....Matt Jennings  
 Wed 3/20.....J.L. Eaton  
 Wed.3/20.....Ronnie Griggs  
 Usher & Lock....Harold Russell  
 Greeter.....T & N Robertson

### OUR RECORD

Sunday School..... 114  
 Sunday A.M. ....142  
 Sunday P.M .....87  
 Wednesday.....106  
 Contribution.....\$ 7,305.82  
 Budget.....\$ 3,817.55



### PANTRY ITEM

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### A Soul Winning Church

- A soul winning church is one who is convinced that all of those who are outside of Jesus and His church are lost.
- A soul winning church is one who uses all of its available resources to seek those who are lost and give them every possible opportunity to know the saving grace of heaven.
- A soul winning church is one where all the members are involved in the overall work and life of the church and dedicated to its growth and development.
- A soul winning church is one whose members are devoted to Christ to the extent that they will sacrifice everything else to honor their commitment.
- A soul winning church is one who will not tolerate sin as the life style of the believers but reproves, rebukes and exhorts them to faithfulness and commitment.
- A soul winning church is led by men who have devoted their lives to God and His people and who are setting an example of godliness so that all who follow will be secure in their steps.
- A soul winning church is not satisfied with temporary successes nor frustrated by momentary failures, rather, she corrects her mistakes and gives God all of the glory for her growth.



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