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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.

Gospel Meeting Objectives

Mike King

A gospel meeting is a most appropriate time for sounding forth, proclaiming, supporting and defending the truth of God's Word as is required of us as the New Testament church (1 Tim. 3:15). It gives evangelists an opportunity to fulfill their charge to "*preach the word*" (2 Tim. 4:2) and elders to meet their obligation to "*feed the flock*" (Acts 20:28).

Gospel meetings serve two distinct purposes: evangelism and edification. Gospel meetings are for the lost. They need to hear the Word in order for an initial faith to be born (Rom. 10:13-17). God has chosen to save the world through preaching (1 Cor. 1:21). Those who hear the Word can establish a faith in Christ as God's sacrifice for sin; to also find proper motivation through preaching to respond to what they have learned. Gospel meetings are for Christians. Being edified, or built up, comes through preaching also (Acts 20:32) which provides eternal inheritance. Christians need to be reminded and stirred-up to continue to do right (2 Pet. 1:12-13).

"Gospel Preaching" will focus on scripture and be practical. Sermons must be simple enough to be understood by first-time hearers, but also rich enough in nature to stimulate and edify the mature believer. If the Gospel is preached, a Gospel Meeting will be successful. You must have noticed though that in either case, for a meeting to be effective, there must be hearers present for good to be accomplished! As a member of the congregation, here is how you can help make it beneficial:

1. See a meeting as an event for which we can plan and work well in advance. We need excitement for the Word!
2. Pray for a door to be opened so the mystery of Christ can enter and be thankful (Col. 4:2-3). Pray for the preacher, preaching of the Word and all who are present to have receptive hearts.
3. Be present ourselves. Our presence will encourage others, enhance the singing (Ps. 122:1) and encourage the cause.
4. Invite people to come (Acts 10:24) to learn and to meet the members.
5. Welcome visitors. "We do not get a second chance to make a first impression!" It happens in the first five minutes. Come early, stay late and greet the visitors.
6. Engage in the worship. Show some enthusiasm. Our worship is to the glory of God and for the good of others.
7. Reap the fruits by examining self for needed changes and pursue open doors.

Rules For Making Every Visitor Feel Welcome

- **The Thirty Second Rule:** Most guests will make a judgment about us during the first thirty seconds after they enter the building. Greet others with a handshake and a friendly smile as soon as you see them.
- **The Front – Door Rule:** Help people find their classes or a seat in the auditorium. If they have trouble, they may not return.
- **The Ten – Foot Rule:** Greet anyone with whom you are not familiar who comes within ten feet of you. Make eye contact. Be friendly.
- **The Five - Minute Rule:** Take the first five minutes after services to seek out guests and greet them. Encourage them to return and thank them for being with us. After you have greeted our guests, you will still have opportunity to talk to your friends.
- Our attitude will often determine if visitors return. Do your part to make sure they really feel **Welcome & Appreciated**



PRAYER LIST

Marie Beard will have surgery March 5, in Amory, for reconstruction of her jaw joints.

Hannah Wilson, six month old cousin of Kim Clayton and April Pounders is in intensive care and facing open heart surgery when she is stronger.

Noah Judd, newborn nephew of Nathan and Melissa Judd, was born 3 months premature and is in serious condition. His parents are Jason and Summer Judd.

Rivers Robertson, mother of Troy Robertson is at her home under Hospice Care.

Shirley Smedley, sister of Troy Robertson remains in very serious condition in a Texas Hospital.

Carl Smith returns to his doctor this week for a check up and have his staples removed.

Linda Griggs will have tests run this week.

Eleta Grimmitt has been placed on medication again due to a sinus infection.

Continual Prayer :

Ali Sizemore, Barry Yancey, John & Carol Anson, Bobbie Roden, Robert & Jennie Frohn, Randy Dunnam, Will Neely, Pat Reed, Darrell Crow, Jack Dunlap, Melissa Reed, Diane Sloan, Rosie Wilson, Tauso Branch, Prebble Foster, Tony Cross, Norman Brown, Al Pless, Shane Crotts, 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 10.Richard Jennings
March 13.Olivia Pounders
March 15. Masey Kate Adams
March 15. Andy Clemmer



TIME CHANGE

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 10th. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday night.



YOUTH NEWS

- The Area Wide Youth Meeting will be held Sun. March 10th at the Mayfield Church of Christ. The van will leave at 5:50. The extra car driver if needed will be Ronnie Griggs.
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.

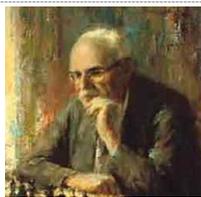
GOSPEL MEETING

Our gospel Meeting is scheduled for March 17th-20th with David Lipe, Director of the Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies in Knoxville, TN, as our guest speaker. We will have a meal following the morning service on the 17th, with our evening services beginning at 6:30pm Sun. night. There will be a meal provided each evening Mon-Wed. at 5:45, hosted by the adult Bible classes. Services Mon.- Wed. will be at 7:00pm. Everyone is invited.

God is like:

HALLMARK CARDS

He cares enough to send the very best.



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 Jennings534-6671
Troy Robertson534-3491

DEACONS

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

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Dillon Clayton
A.M. Prayer.....Lonnie Weaver
Closing Prayer.....Olen Clark
P.M. Prayer.....Roger Clayton
Closing.....Mark Jennings
Wed 3/13.....Terry Stubblefield
Wed.3/13.....Bobby White
Usher & Lock.....Roger Clayton
Greeter.....B & A Pounders

OUR RECORD

Sunday School..... 129
Sunday A.M. 151
Sunday P.M 102
Wednesday..... 105
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PANTRY ITEM

Spaghetti

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WHAT KIND ARE YOU?

Ten little Christians standing in line - - -
One disliked the preacher and then there were nine.
Nine little Christians stayed up late
One slept Sunday morning and then there were eight.
Seven little Christians got in a fix,
One chose worldly things, then there were six.
Five little Christians wishing there were more - - -
But one got his feelings hurt and then there four.
Four little Christians, cheerful as could be,
One joined the sporty crowd, then there were three.
Three little Christians knew not what to do,
One lost his temper, then there were two.
Two little Christians (our rhyme is nearly done)
They quarreled with each other, then there was one.
One lone Christian won his neighbor true,
Brought him to church, then there were two.
Two earnest Christians, each won one more,
That doubled the number, then there were four.
Four sincere Christians worked very late,
But each won another and then there were eight.
Eight splendid Christians, but nothing rhymes with 16
So we simply note in four more rhymes would be 1,042
Which would be quite a church full,
SO WHAT WILL YOU DO???