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Announcing GOSPEL MEETING

APRIL 12-15



Speaker: **Jimmy Clark**
Bethel, Alabama

NEW ALBANY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Jimmy Clark: He has served as a minister for 35 years, the past 29 have been spent serving the Bethel, Alabama congregation west of Huntsville. Jimmy has served in overseas mission efforts in England, Spain, Thailand, Australia and New Zealand. He speaks on numerous lectureship programs and gospel meetings. He is the Director and a teacher for the Alabama School of Bible Emphasis which was founded by his father more than 23 years ago.

He received his education from, Freed-Hardeman University (A.A. & B.A. 1977, 1979) and post graduate work at Ambridge University (formerly Southern Christian University, M.A. 1981).

Jimmy was married to Pam (Rikard) Clark on June 23, 1979. They have three children: Benjamin (32) married to Follin (Childs) Clark and live in Opelika, AL; Daniel (29) married to Laura (Davis) Clark and live in Coxey, AL; Hannah is single (24). They have two grandchildren: Levi (6) and Lily Clark (4). Jimmy comes from a preaching family. His father was the late Winfred Clark and his mother, Polly, were dedicated servants of the Lord. He too was related to the late Franklin Camp who was a noted preacher and writer in the Birmingham area.

10 Ways You Can Help Your Gospel Meeting

Kevin Maxey

The success of your upcoming gospel meeting depends on you. It depends upon your involvement, your excitement, and your participation. What can you do to help make your upcoming meeting a success?

1. **"Remember its purpose."** The main purpose is to preach the gospel so that those who are lost might be saved (Mark 16:15-16). It should be our aim to have as many lost souls present as possible. Another purpose of a gospel meeting is for saints to be edified (1 Corinthians 14:26). It goes without saying that we cannot be edified if we are not present!
2. **"Invite others."** Andrew invited Peter to follow Christ (John 1:41-42). The Samaritan woman invited her whole city to come and hear Christ (John 4:28-29). It stands to reason that if people do not know about our meeting they certainly will not come. We have fliers available. Take a few to pass out in your block to let your neighborhood know about the meeting.
3. **"Pray diligently."** Peter said, "For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers..." (1 Peter 3:12). Pray for the meeting, that the speakers will teach what is needed and that the lost will come and hear.
4. **"Attend faithfully."** The early disciples *"continued daily with one accord,"* and this is an opportunity for us to do likewise for a week (Acts 2:46). If the meeting is not important enough for the members to support, why should anyone else come?
5. **"Arrive early."** When you invite someone to your house to eat at 6:00, do you appreciate it if they come at 6:15? You would prefer them to be a little early. When we are late, we can disrupt the worship. When we are early, we can greet visitors.
6. **"Help prepare the building."** I know that we have those who are on the list to clean the building, but during a gospel meeting there is more work to do. Each one can help out by picking up paper, putting song books in the rack, etc. Why would visitors want to come back if the members do not care enough to keep the building attractive?
7. **"Sing fervently."** We are told, *"Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord"* (Ephesians 5:19). Good singing helps to make a good meeting. We should follow the leader, concentrate on the words, and sing with heartfelt zeal.
8. **"Welcome visitors."** We should appreciate the presence of each visitor, whether a member of the Lord's church in another place or someone who is not a child of God. Visitors may well determine whether they will return or not based on how they are received. The more people who greet them, the more appreciated visitors will feel.
9. **"Sit up front."** We realize that some need to sit in the back for health reasons. But when most of the members sit in the back of the building, it sends a negative message. Leave the back pews for visitors who may be shy or late in coming. Also, sitting together up front will make the singing sound better.
10. **"Listen carefully."** *Remember that faith comes by hearing the word of God"* (Romans 10:17). Be a good example of how to pay attention to the preaching.

Church Attendance -- Is it Necessary?

Encourage Each Other to Attend

We can become stronger individual Christians, and stronger congregations if we will all become faithful attendees of all the assemblies. The exhortation of the Hebrew writer is just as applicable for us today as it was for the church of Christ over nineteen centuries ago: *"And let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together as is the habit of some; but encouraging one another; and all the more; as you see the day drawing near."*

AREA EVENTS:

- Youth Rally at the Amory Church of Christ, April 10-12. Guest speaker ~ *Chuck Morris*.
- 24th Annual Ladies Day at Hwy 15 Church of Christ, Pontotoc is Sat. April 11th beginning at 9:00am. The speaker will be *Angela Bates*.
- 25th Annual Ladies Day at the East Main Church of Christ will be April 25th beginning at 9:00am. The guest speaker will be *Christine Wilson*.
- Area Wide / Bible Bowl Organizational Meeting on Sunday, April 19th at 2pm at the East Main church of Christ

For daily devotional & updates call NEWSLINE @ 534-0016

PRAYER LIST



Miriam Styers, is improving and has been moved to Magnolia Place room 17 at 1515 Munsford Dr. in New Albany, for rehab.

Whit Robertson, grandson of *Troy* and *Novene Robertson* has developed a slight case of pneumonia.

Barbara Davis, mother of *Emily Gann* received good news that her tumor has decreased in size. She will see a surgeon this week to schedule surgery to remove the remaining tumor. She will then undergo radiation.

Ricky Adams, father of *Richard Adams* will have knee replacement surgery Wed., April 8th.

Continue to Remember:

Nancy Petrowski, Jann Hicks, Jackie Dodd, Natalie Griffin, Genice Collett, John Elliott, Timmy Bolden, Judy Ward, William Wilson, Sonny Gay, David Crossings, Andy Ulmer, Sheila Thomas, Yolanda Stubblefield, Barbara Davis, Justin Forsyth, Preeble Foster, Donna Haynes, Roy Crow, Shane Hutton, Jack Dunlap, Terry & Betty Young

Shut-Ins:

Jean Drummond, Teresa Clark, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe Garner, Claudia Senter

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Betty Lang, Miriam Styers, Grace Anderson, Mattie Golden, Laura Mae Harris, Louise Holcomb

Military List:

Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to *Price Senter* on the birth of his first great-great grandchild. *Noah William Sanders* was born Sunday, March 29th, weighing 7lbs 14oz.



I've Learned...

... to enjoy little things, there are so many of them.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



April 08.....Becca Dewberry
April 09..... Barbara Kimbrell
April 11.....Teresa Clark
April 13.....Brad Pounders

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 17.....Alvin & Kaye Parks



LADS TO LEADERS

Many of our youth and their parents attended to the Lads to Leaders Convention this past week-end in Memphis. Once again our youth represented this congregation so well. Thanks to *Lonnie Weaver* for overseeing this good work. To the parents and everyone who helped and encouraged them, Thank You! Following is a list of their accomplishments:

Dillon Clayton; bronze centurion of scripture, year round song leading and know the books.

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Olivia Pounders; bronze centurion of scripture.

Cooper Pounders; bronze centurion of scripture, 2nd place in 3rd grade song leading, and 3rd place in 3rd grade speech.

Audrey Young; finalist in 10th grade songs of praise.

Masey Kate Adams; finalist in 4th grade songs of praise.

Tyler Weaver; participated in 10-12 winner's circle speech.

Thomas Wall; 9th grade speech finalist.

Ruston Adams; 9th grade speech finalist.

Bailey Adams; 2nd place, 10th-12th winner's circle songs of praise, and 3rd place 10th -12th winner's circle speech.

Anderson Parks, bronze centurion of scripture, silver Good Samaritan, and 3rd place in 10th-12th winner's circle speech.

Jodi Parks, bronze centurion of scripture, bronze Good Samaritan, Keepers, 1st place 4th-6th grade winner's circle songs of praise and 1st place in 6th grade speech.

Madison Griggs, 1st place 10th grade speech.

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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 Jennings316-1305
Troy Robertson316-3163

DEACONS

Greg Clayton.....252-9762
Roger Clayton 538-8195
Brad Pounders.....316-7931
Harold Russell..... 507-1180
Randy Wall 316-9255
Lonnie Weaver.....801-8448

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Terry Stubblefield
A.M. Prayer.....Dillon Clayton
Closing Prayer.....Shane Crofts
P.M. PrayerRichard Jennings
ClosingBill Lyon
Wed.4/15.....Alvin Parks
Wed.4/15.....Steve Todd
Usher & LockRandy Wall
Greeter.....B & A Pounders

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....90
Sunday A.M.....121
Sunday P. M.....102
Wednesday.....94
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PANTRY ITEMS

Soup

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The Ten Minutes Before and After Services

Recently members of our church moved to another city due to job transfer. They visited two congregations near their new home. Both congregations came highly recommended. They arrived early, stayed late, and made themselves available. Yet despite their eagerness, no one from Congregation No. 1 greeted them or expressed any interest. They contacted the preacher during the week and shared their concern. The preacher apologized. The next month they visited Congregation No. 2. During the first two visits, dozens of people greeted them, two Bible classes invited them to eat, four families had them into their homes, and they received numerous invitations to become part of the congregation.



Guess which church this couple decided to attend? The friendliness of Congregation 2 made a deep impression. The ten minutes before and after each service are significant times for our guests. Friendliness must be constantly practiced. Each week, several people visit our congregation for the first time. Extend your hand. Put on a smile. Let's be friendly.

"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13: 34,35

~ From Glad Tidings of Good Things, Jacksonville Church of Christ