



Lifeline

CHURCH of CHRIST
at Galena



What To Tell Yourself & Others, Now That the Meeting is Over

We had a wonderful series of lessons last week on Sunday morning to Friday evening. Brother Carl Earnhart came well prepared to teach, encourage and challenge us with some great lessons from the word of God. Did you benefit from those lessons? Did you invite folks you know to come? If not perhaps there are some things you need to tell yourself and others.

TELL YOURSELF

"I SHOULD HAVE BEEN HERE."

We can always make excuses that sound good to ourselves and perhaps others. However, we know when they are just excuses. Even more, God knows. The Hebrew writer said, *"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near"* (Hebrews 10:24-25). If I had no desire to come it means that it is not important to me to *"consider"* others. I was only thinking of myself. I was too tired, had too many aches, had too much to do, or... It wasn't important to me to stir up others to *"love and good works."* Perhaps I should ask myself; *"Am I in the habit of neglecting to meet together?"* Others have done so and now so am I. Do you *"see the Day drawing near,"* or do you even know what that phrase means? Is that even important?

"I CAN DO BETTER NOW"

Perhaps you blew it for the meeting. Maybe it wasn't important to you. Now what? Well, the answer is not to just feel bad. Don't just sit and beat yourself up about it. Do something with this realization. Allow the internal struggle with Satan to motivate you to better service. Determine to do better now. Be here for every service you possibly can be. Don't make excuses. Don't make a vain vow that will stick no better than a New Year's resolution to *"lose some weight . . . sometime, if I get around to it."*

"I WANT TO BE HERE"

I want to be healthy. I want to lose some weight. I want to... We all know that none of our *"I wants"* do any good without following up by making and practicing consistent life changes. When we eat better, exercise, etc. we turn our *"I wants"* into something we are doing daily to accomplish a goal. The first thing to want when it comes to worship is to be here. Have the attitude of David. *"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD!'"* (Psalms 122:1) Are you glad when it is time for worship or Bible study? Is Saturday evening the time when you begin getting your mind, yourself and even your clothes ready for the Lord's day, or, do you spend Saturday evening doing what is of interest to you and then it dawns on you, *"Oh man, tomorrow is Sunday! Do I really want to go?"* Do you get up Sunday morning

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and decide you really do not have time to go, you have nothing to wear and it is just too much of a burden to “go to church.” Wednesday can be even worse! And, oh, what about those gospel meetings? What a challenge it is to be here unless first, I decide that I want to be here.

TELL OTHERS

“YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE IT WAS GREAT!”

Tell them about a lesson that really stood out to you and talk about how it was helpful and why you are still thinking about that lesson. Tell them about a lesson that you really believe would help them. Tell them why you think it would help them. Perhaps you could reference a previous conversation you had with this person. Say something like, “Remember when we were talking about _____? Well the preacher we had visit talked about that in a lesson he gave. It was a really great lesson!” Then give them a LifeLine and point out our website address.

“YOU CAN LISTEN ON THE WEBSITE!”

Point any and all to our website and the sermons section and tell them that is where they can listen to the audio recording. Tell them they are always available on that web page and then give them some time to listen to the lesson. After a few days or in a week or so just ask them if they have listened to the lesson. If they really don't seem to act like they could go find it on our website just ask, “Would you like to have CD of that lesson or all the lessons?” Then just come ask brother Barker and he will be glad to make you a CD copy you can give to your friend. Perhaps you are here this morning and you missed one or more of the lessons let me encourage you to go to our website at www.churchofChristinGalena.com.

com and listen. All of the lessons offered will be on the website.

“YOU ARE STILL INVITED TO COME!”

Don't stop inviting! We can't save people. We can't make them do anything. But, we can, and we must, keep inviting. The Psalmist said, “Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man” (Psalms 66:5). Speak of the wonderful things God has done and invite those to come worship Him and study from His word. If we are not excited about what He has done for us we cannot very well expect others to get excited. May we simply do as Philip. “Philip found Nathanael and said to him, ‘We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. Nathanael said to him, ‘Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?’ Philip said to him, ‘Come and see’” (John 1:45-46). Your friend may look with a wary eye and say something these days like, “Church is church. How is the one you are a part of any different than all the others?” Tell them to “come and see.” If they come the opportunity will grow and you may be able to talk about some important and biblical concepts regarding the Lord's church. You may be able to start out talking about what their picture of Jesus is and compare that with the real Jesus revealed in Scripture. All of this may come from the simple invitation to “come and see.”

The meeting is over. Brother Earnhart has concluded what he prepared to say. But, there may still be some things which you need to tell yourself and some things you need to tell others. ☺

Shannon



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WE'RE PRAYING FOR...

Belinda's brother & niece.

Jim Hudson's mother

Laura Barkers mom, Kay Gegenheimer

Shut In Members:

Marjorie Dodge & Grace Singleton

NEW ADDRESSES...

Dylan & Emily Culver

61 Arbor Place

New Albany, IN 47150

Shannon & Dana Shaffer

3602 Vale Hill Drive

Floyds Knobs, IN 47119 (Starting May 1st)



Song Service

Next Sunday @ 3 PM

*Request a song or
to lead one in foyer!*

MEN'S TRAINING CLASS NEXT WEEK

NAHUM

finding God's comfort in
surprising places

PROPHETABLE LIFE

MAJOR LESSONS | *from the* **MINOR** PROPHETS

READ NAHUM FOR WEDNESDAY!

THIS WEEK

Barker May 21 st	Dowling April 16 th	Loughmiller April 23 rd	Mitchell April 30 th	Scott May 7 th	Stout May 14 th
Farmer Keehn Loughmiller, B. Woolbright, Randol	Barker, Ashlyn Keehn Michell Sieg, Don	Dooley Schoenbaechler Shaffer Woolbright, Ryan	Buchanan Hudson Sieg-Swank	Bailey Miller Sieg, Donny Culver	Loughmiller, N. Maudlin McKinney Woolbright, D.

APRIL SERVANTS

Building Cleaning & Communion:

Barker & Stout

Benevolence Organizers:

Farmer & Shaffer



APRIL

- 1 - Shannon Michell B'day 16 - Andrew Maudlin B'day
- 5 - Tim Maudlin B'day 30 - Sarah Dooley B'day
- 11 - Keith Keehn B'day
- 14 - Clayto Sieg B'day

BIRTHDAYS
ANNIVERSARIES

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SERVING IN WORSHIP

NEXT WEEK

Sunday Morning (04/23)

Announcements: Bill Buchanan

1st Prayer: Daryn Barker

Song Leader: Dale Woolbright

Lord's Table: Keith Keehn (Lead)

D. Culver, Don Sieg, M. Stout

Sermon: Shannon Shaffer

Closing Prayer: Evan Mitchell

Sunday PM (04/23)

Announcements: Bill Buchanan

1st Prayer: Ryan Woolbright

Song Leader: Seth Shaffer

Lord's Table: Keith Keehn (Lead)

D. Culver

Sermon: Shannon Shaffer

Closing Prayer: Nick Loughmiller

Wednesday (04/26)

Announcements: Randy Scott

1st Prayer: Jim Hudson

Song Leader: Jonathan Maudlin

Invitation: Dylan Culver

Closing Prayer: Gus Schoenbaechler

NEXT WEEK

Sunday Morning (04/30)

Announcements: Dale Woolbright

1st Prayer: Mike Loughmiller

Song Leader: Donny Sieg

Lord's Table: Randy Scott (Lead)

B. Buchanan, J. Farmer, S. Mitchell

Sermon: Shannon Shaffer

Closing Prayer: Keith Keehn

Sunday PM (04/30)

Announcements: Dale Woolbright

1st Prayer: Benny Loughmiller

Song Leader: Ryan Woolbright

Lord's Table: Randy Scott (Lead)

B. Buchanan

Sermon: Shannon Shaffer

Closing Prayer: Gus Schoenbaechler

Wednesday (05/03)

Announcements: Shanon Miller

1st Prayer: Randol Woolbright

Song Leader: Dylan Culver

Invitation: Luke Dooley

Closing Prayer: Tim Maudlin

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Meeting at

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Sunday

Worship: 9:00 AM

Bible Classes: 10:00 AM

Worship: 3:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Classes: 7:30 PM

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