

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**AUG 2, 2009**

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AM SERMON - KEITH MOSHER, SR.

PM SERMON - KEITH MOSHER, SR.

**OUR MEETING IS AT 7 PM TONIGHT THRU THURSDAY NIGHT**

**REMEMBER OUR FELLOWSHIP MEAL AFTER SERVICES THIS MORNING  
AND AT 5:30 EACH EVENING BEFORE SERVICES**

**THANK YOU TO ALL THAT PARTICIPATED IN OUR PHONE CAMPAIGN**

**THERE WILL BE A BABY POUNDING FOR ERIN WINDHAM AUG 9 AFTER  
MORNING SERVICES**

**SEE GENE OR LINDA FOR BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES**

**SEE DAVID FOR TAPES**

**BIRTHDAY:**

Aug 3: Kim Haynes

7: Shanna Robbins

8: Chuck Windham

**ANNIVERSARY:**

Aug 2: Randy & Wendy Wood

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## TIMES OF SERVICES

**SUNDAY MORNING**

**BIBLE CLASS 9:30**

**WORSHIP 10:20**

**SUNDAY EVENING 5:00**

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00**

### ELDERS:

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## **REFLECTIONS ON ACTS 2**

**Keith Mosher, Sr.**

God's Foreknowledge - "Him being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain" (Acts 2:23). God knew that Christ would be slain. Yet the foregoing passage clearly teaches that God would hold those men responsible for crucifying Christ. The apostle Peter will note later that the wicked act was done through ignorance (Acts 3:17). Calvinism, however, has long held that God predetermined who would be saved and who would be lost. According to Calvin, wicked men cannot respond to God. But Peter and the other apostles will tell wicked men to obey (Acts 2:38). Peter will specifically state that these had slain Christ, but that God had still accomplished His purpose (Acts 2:36). Therefore, men - yes, even wicked men - can respond to God's will! The majority of denominational groups holding to some form of Calvinism reject that teaching, but they should return to apostolic understanding of God's will.

God wills that men should be saved (1 Tim. 2:3-4). All men are not saved (Matt. 7:13-14). Yet, Calvin said that when God willed a thing, that thing must come to pass. Is the Bible right or was Calvin? The Bible teaches that all men can respond to God's call, but that all men do not so respond. Man can (that is, he has the ability) reject or obey God's commands. And, all men are ungodly before salvation (Rom. 5:6-8).

Calvin insisted that God (that is, the Holy Spirit) must "activate" a sinner's depraved heart in order for that sinner to make any response to God. But, Peter simply told the wicked slayers of Christ what to do (Acts 2:38). The conviction of sins in their hearts (that is, their minds - Pr. 23:7) was accomplished through a rational process, for the crucifiers of Christ recognized their own guilt (Acts 2:37). They did not deny that they had crucified Christ as one might if he were "totally, hereditarily depraved" as Calvin thought.

Those guilty of the death of Christ knew that they had to do something. They cried out, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" (Acts 2:37b). Their question clearly demonstrates that conviction is a rational process and not some "better felt than told" convulsion masquerading as salvation. Those who cried out were told what to do (Acts 2:38). They were not told to do nothing, to wait on God, to ask Jesus to come into their hearts, or any other Calvinistic dribble. They were told to repent and to be immersed for the remission of their sins. Peter fully expected a response which indicates that he, at least, knew that man can respond of his own free will. Those who heard Peter's command did what they were told to do (Acts 2:41). Note that verse 41 says they received Jesus. They were baptized into Jesus (Gal. 3:26-27). Those early disciples could then rejoice because of their salvation (Acts 2:46-47).

In reflecting on Acts, chapter two, it is clear that God did know that wicked men would slay His Son. But, it is also clear that those crucifiers could still choose to follow God or to reject

God. They were told what they had done, what to do about it, and they did not hesitate to respond. They did not have to wait for some “direct operation of the Holy Spirit” to overcome their “depraved” state. Perhaps if religious people would be willing to do exactly what those did on the day of Pentecost in AD 33 there would be no division among professed disciples today. If not, why not?

### **OUR GOSPEL MEETING IS HERE**

The preceding article was written by br. Keith Mosher, Sr., who is beginning our meeting this morning. Gospel meetings are wonderful events that are meant to encourage, edify and uplift the members of the congregation. They are also events that are meant to exhort, convict and convert those who are not members of the Lord’s church. Many calls were made and, hopefully, personal invitations were given, and will still be given, to those in our community. Prayerfully, there will be those who visit our services this week who were invited.

The following was taken from a bulletin article written by Lennie Reagan several years ago. It deals with some ideas about how to have fervor in our gospel meetings again an I thought I would share it with you:

1. **Begin fervently praying now and everyday for brother Mosher and every aspect of the gospel meeting.** Pray individually and pray as a family at least once a day for this gospel meeting. We can pray in each Bible class and every service for this meeting.
2. **Invite, invite, invite!** We have a goal of inviting 500 people to our meeting (this was for the Coldwater congregation - many more than this have been invited through West Walker’s phone campaign - BW). We can achieve and exceed our goal by working together. We can do it!
3. **Make attending every service top priority.** If you do not believe in this gospel meeting, how can you expect others to do it? Know that everyone will be encouraged by your presence.
4. **We want to accept that we must be about our Father’s service while we have the opportunity.** We realize that men are lost and they will be eternally lost without hearing and obeying the gospel of Christ. Therefore, we will be zealous in inviting the lost to hear the gospel message.
5. **We should be willing to admit that our gospel meeting will be what we make it** and because we are serious about the plea of the New Testament we will work. The

success of this gospel effort depends on us, our attitude and our participation. God has done His part.

I believe each of these ideas, if put into practice in the life of each member at West Walker, will contribute to this meeting being the most successful one in recent memory. Br. Mosher will do his part in proclaiming the glorious gospel of Christ, we have no control over him in that regard. What we can control is our attitude towards the meeting and the effort we put forth to help it be successful in achieving the purposes we mentioned earlier. May God bless this gospel meeting effort and may we do our part in making it successful.