

### Prepare To Invite People

I like it when brethren let me know they are having a gospel meeting. Sometimes they call or email. Sometimes they put a message on a social media site. Sometimes they send a postcard or flyer by postal mail. And sometimes they tell me in person. It encourages me when brethren think about me, and go out of their way to invite me to a gospel meeting.

We must prepare in order to encourage people by inviting them to our gospel meeting. Then when the time approaches, we have to do the work of inviting. We can invite neighbors, friends, co-workers, fellow students and others who we know need God's word more than ever before, and help them come to Christ through the gospel.

### In Conclusion

The Lord is blessing us with an amazing opportunity to learn from His word during the upcoming gospel meeting with Tim Norman. Preparation is needed to get the most from the meeting for ourselves, our families, and visitors. Let's make the most of this opportunity by being prepared.

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***(Eph 1:22) And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, (23) which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.***

### Gospel Meeting October 9-13

Our fall Gospel Meeting will be held Sunday, Oct. 9 through Thursday, October 13 with evangelist Tim Norman. See the sermon topics for Sunday and each weekday night below: (See Gospel Meeting flyer for more info.)

## COMPLETE IN CHRIST

- 1: Why Incomplete? Godlessness**
- 2: He Who Fills All In All**
- 3: Why Incomplete? Covetousness**
- 4: Why Incomplete? Hopelessness**
- 5: Becoming Complete - God's Framework For Fulfillment**
- 6: Becoming Complete - Divine Love**
- 7: Becoming Complete - Divine Perspective**



## Times of Services

### Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:00 a.m. Bible Study  
11:00 p. m. Worship

### Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Bible Study

### Other Study and Worship Opportunities

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 2:00 p.m. Trinity Care Home Worship Service
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study –Ranch House Restaurant
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Neighborhood Bible Study 6:00 p.m. (TBA)
- Young Bible Scholars monthly meeting (TBA)
- The Pines Bible Study Sunday 8:00 p.m.; Mon. 5:00 p.m.
- Cady Hill Bible Study Sunday 8:00 p.m.; Thurs. 6:00 p.m.
- Recorded sermons and Gospel Meetings can be obtained by signing up in the foyer or going to the church website at <http://eastcolumbuschurch.com/> or contacting Steve Coburn.
- October 9-13 (Sun.-Thurs) Gospel Meeting with Tim Norman.

### News and Notes

- **Home Bound Members:** Mike Butler, Jack Burkes
- **Limited Health:** Joyce Monasco, Joyce Ratcliff, Willena Woods, Eula Mae Harliss, Wade and Doris McCrary
- **Sick:** Steve Coburn is suffering from COPD. April Green also battles chronic health problems. Melissa Parker suffers from chronic back issues. Marion Butler suffers from chronic upper spine injury and pain. David Alan Williams is in the process of acquiring medical advice for more joint surgery. Lee Gallop will be having knee surgery in November.

**Bible Question? Who was born before his father, died before his mother and buried in bosom of his grandmother?**

**Your Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hint: The answer is found in the book of Genesis.**

### Preparation is Necessary for the Meeting

We learn from the Old Testament that preparation is necessary. When God announced to Moses that He was coming down to meet with the Israelites, He told them to prepare by consecrating themselves and washing their garments (Lev. 19:10-11). In the New Testament we're also commanded to prepare ourselves. We must prepare our minds for action, and be holy in all our behavior (1 Pet. 1:13-16). Just like Christians in the first century, we must prepare to do the Lord's work, including preparation to assemble with the saints.

#### Prepare to Attend

We must prepare ourselves to attend the upcoming gospel meeting, just as with all our assemblies. We have to prepare ourselves and our families to faithfully attend the services, and get the most out of each meeting as possible. For example, Tim Norman has already made many preparations to attend the meeting. He has prepared the lessons he will present. He has made travel arrangements. He has made arrangements for someone to fill in at his home congregation for his absence on Sunday and Wednesday. All of us must make preparations. Some of us may need to change our work or school schedule in order to attend.

#### Prepare to Help

There is work for everyone to do in the congregation. And there's work each person can do to help with the gospel meeting. You can be hospitable to Tim Norman throughout the week, providing meals and personal fellowship while he is in Columbus. You can arrive at the building early and greet individuals attending the meeting; you can help with the facility each evening so it is ready for the next assembly; and you can pray for Tim and the efforts of the week. These are things that usually need to be done, but check with the elders for more ideas, and there might be something more specific you can do to help.

#### Prepare to Participate

Any time we assemble, participation is important. Can you imagine assembling with the saints and there's no participation? Or maybe you've visited brethren and the participation has been half-hearted, and you've been discouraged rather than encouraged.

One of the ways we encourage one another during our assemblies is by participating with our whole heart (Jn. 4:24; Heb. 10:24-25). We should begin preparing now to participate during the gospel meeting. We should also prepare each day of the meeting, so we worship God in spirit and truth, giving Him our best.