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East Columbus Bulletin

Our Gospel Meeting October 22-26

We will be holding our fall gospel meeting October 22-26 with brother Mark McCrary. Sunday services will be at their regularly scheduled times of 9 a.m., 10 a.m., and 11 a.m. Evening services, Monday through Thursday, will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday morning services will be held at 10:30 a.m.

What can we do to make it a success? We can pray for Mark as he prepares and for our hearts to be receptive to the lessons from God's word. We can clear our calendars to be sure we do not let things of this world hinder our attendance. We can invite our friends and neighbors to join us in hearing the word preached.

Parental Responsibility

Are you living a good example before your children? Here is a parent who teaches a child that the word of God is the most important thing in the world. The parent teaches the child that the Bible tells us about God and our relationship to Him, and that we ought to love Christ and His word more than anything in this world. Then that same parent reads the newspaper with more regularity than he reads the word of God. Do you not think that the child knows which is loved the most?

Times of Services

Sunday

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

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Bible Study

Other Study and Worship Opportunities

- 2nd Sunday 2:00 p.m. Trinity Care Home Worship Service
- 2nd Saturday 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study –Ranch House Restaurant
- 3rd Sunday Neighborhood Bible Study 6:00 p.m. (TBA)
- Young Bible Scholars monthly meeting (TBA)
- 5th Sunday Singing (TBA)

News and Notes

- **Home Bound Members:** Mike Butler, Eula Mae Harliss
- **Limited Health:** Joyce Monasco, Willena Woods, Wade and Doris McCrary .
- **Others to remember:** Marion Butler, Steve Coburn, April Green, Marilyn Lavender, Jim Ratcliff, David Allen Williams, Doris Young (Lynette Coburn's mother), & Vickie Stevens (wife of Tim Stevens).
- **Prayer Requests:** Kyle Green has been diagnosed with chiara, the same condition that April Green has. Surgery is scheduled for later in November. Leo Briggs, newborn grandson of Dan and Carol Briggs, will be having surgery in October. Please pray for a successful surgery.
- **Deaths:** James Cochcrane, brother of Eula Mae Harliss, passed away September 23rd with services held Sept. 27 in Aliceville, AL.

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For the parent to say that the church is a wonderful, blood-bought institution and that Jesus purchased it and that we ought to support it with our money and time. And then that parent watches television instead of attending the worship service. Can the child not see which one is loved the most? Is it entertainment or Jehovah God?

Our children are what we make them. Once again I want to stab your heart and mine in many, many instances our children have had such poor examples by which to pattern their lives. Are we surprised if they do not want to serve God and live as His word directs? Who is to blame?

Our children are gifts from God and they should be treasured as eternal beings that have an everlasting destiny in Heaven or hell. Someone may say, I just do not want to make my children go to Bible study or to the church service." Why not? Because I am afraid if I do make them go, when they get older, they may rebel and not go at all. Does that sound like good teaching? Of course not. Yet we hear people using that false reasoning all of the time in the realm of religion. Let me ask you something. Do you make them go to the public school? Yes! Why? It is good for them to go and get a good education so they can get a good job and make lots of money.

Do you think Bible study is good for them? Do you think that they need an education in spiritual things? Reading, writing and math is fine and good. Children can use instruction in these things for a lifetime of good. However, the instruction they receive from the word of God can be used eternally. It is foolish to say, "I am not going to make my children study God's word because they may rebel against it later,"

Our children come into this world as pure as the driven snow. We have to teach them to hate, to lie, and steal. The bars and prisons are filled with people who were born into this world without good and godly parents as role models. We all suffer because of parental neglect.

Glenn Fann

A Mother's Legacy

by Sharilyn Martin

Come with me to an old farmhouse where a mother kneels in prayer. Tears flow as she cries out to God for strength to go on, for the sake of her three little ones. If only her husband would be a godly man and a spiritual leader! Although he provides the material needs of his family, his neglect of their emotional and spiritual needs is a burden that threatens to crush her. The flame of faith burns feebly tonight, and she feels like giving up. Is the struggle worth it?

Go with me, fifty years later, to a softly lighted chapel where the woman's wasted body now lies in a coffin. Her children, adults now, speak reverently of the mother who provided a guiding light through their formative years, drawing them to their own faith in her Savior. A score of young Christian men and her grandsons will carry her to her grave. Tomorrow they will sing of a praying mother and a grandma who loved Jesus.

Was the struggle worth it?

My imagination pushes the fast-forward button of time, and another fifty years slips by. In my mind's eye, I see another coffin in the chapel—not my grandmother's, but mine. The little ones that snuggle in my arms today will then be grown men and women with families of their own. What will the picture look like?

Today I am painting that picture of tomorrow. Today the colors are wet in my hands, but tomorrow they will have dried. What kind of legacy will I leave?

—excerpted from Hand That Rocks The Cradle