

BENEFITS OF A GOSPEL MEETING

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Next Sunday we begin our fall gospel meeting with Phillip Shumake. Many are of the belief that gospel meetings have no value. I for one do not agree. Why? Allow me to share some benefits of such efforts.

The gospel is preached. "Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. " {2 Timothy 4:2} When the gospel is preached a seed is planted in the hearers. God can give an increase! 1 Corinthians 3:6-8

The church is edified. "So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. " {Acts 20:02} Does Harrodsburg need to be edified? The preaching of truth allows us an excellent opportunity to "grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ," 2 Peter 3:18. Remember, God's word will not return to Him void. Isaiah 55:11

Opportunity to invite the lost. This is an opportunity for us to invite our neighbors, friends, loved ones, co-workers, and school mates to hear what they need most in this life-the message of the cross. What message could be more important for us to share with our community? Did you invite someone to this meeting? If not, why?

Opportunity to meet with those from other congregations. Gospel meetings afford all of us an opportunity to be with those of "like precious faith" from the congregations in the area. We are all in the family of God and this allows us time to gain strength and encouragement from one another. In heaven it will be a reunion of the faithful of the ages. Why would we desire to miss an opportunity to be together here?

Our faith can be challenged. No two preachers preach the gospel alike. Brother Shumake may be able to touch your heart in a way that I cannot. He may present a Bible truth in a way that challenges your faith more deeply and more personally. Don't miss the spiritual feast! ***