

## The Power of an Invitation

*Tom L. Childers*

Brother Glenn L. McCullough was in the dairy business near Tupelo, Mississippi. Mr. A. D. Prince was a salesman from Memphis who regularly called on him for needed supplies. One day, Mr. Prince arrived at brother McCullough's farm rather late in the afternoon. He was told he would have to come back the next day because there was a Gospel meeting at the Gloster Street Church of Christ that night and he was getting ready to attend. Mr. Prince said that was fine and agreed to come back the next day. As he was leaving, brother McCullough thought, "I should ask him to attend our Gospel meeting." He invited the salesman to stay for supper and attend the Gospel meeting. Mr. Prince agreed and not only attended that night but attended three nights of the Gospel meeting conducted by Jack Meyer. Even though he learned what to do to become a Christian, he did not obey the Gospel during his visits.

A few months later, Mr. Prince was given a new job and did not come back to Tupelo to call on brother McCullough. Years passed by and one day brother McCullough saw a newspaper story about A. D. Prince III, who was a student at a Christian college. He made a few phone calls and found out Mr. Prince had received another invitation to attend a tent meeting in Memphis which was a few blocks from where he worked. He attended the Gospel meeting and obeyed the Gospel the first night. Later, he became an elder in the church and the student honored at the Christian college was his grandson.

Years later, both brother McCullough and brother Prince learned they had a terminal disease and were given just a few months to live. As time drew near for both men, brother Prince had his sister to drive him from his home in Arkansas to brother McCullough's home in Tupelo to pay one final visit and to say, "I want to thank you for inviting me to the Gospel meeting that night. If it had not been for your invitation, I probably would never have heard the Gospel and become a Christian. It was your invitation that made it possible for my family, my grandchildren, and me to become Christians. I will be forever grateful. Thank you."

What would have happened to the Prince family if brother McCullough had said, "My conscience says I ought to invite this salesman to the Gospel meeting, but I know it won't do any good"? The Bible says, "Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage" (Matthew 22:9). Gospel meetings are not out-of-date; neither is inviting the lost to hear the preaching of the Gospel.

## Ten Rules for Improving Attitudes within The Church

*Joe Kenner*

1. Remind yourself over and over that you are not perfect; therefore, would you fit into a congregation of perfect people, if such a congregation existed?
2. Instead of picking out the worldly, denominational, hypocritical members of the church to point to, pick out the sincere, dedicated, spiritual members and thank God for them.
3. If you are old, treat the young with the consideration you desired as a young person. If you are young, treat the old with the respect you will want when you grow old.
4. When you are tempted to criticize the elders, deacons, minister, Bible teachers, and other Christians, pray earnestly for them first. This will not only have an effect upon them, but it will do wonders for your own attitude.
5. When you see work being neglected, instead of being critical roll up your sleeves and get to work.
6. Never, NEVER blame others for your own failures. Every individual CAN be faithful to God in spite of the bad examples and discouraging attitudes of others, if he is determined to be.
7. Remind yourself every day that the only way you can improve the world and the church is to begin with YOURSELF! Make self-improvement a daily goal for yourself.
8. Conscientiously look for the good qualities in every brother and sister. Make a quick mental note of the good qualities you have found in him or her.
9. Constantly strive to increase your circle of loved ones (those with whom you associate) in the church.
10. The church has an abundance of problems, etc. Constantly ask yourself, "Am I a part of the problem or the solution? Or, am I trying to be merely a critical spectator?" BE HONEST WITH THAT ANSWER.

# NEWS AND NOTES

**“I was sick, and ye visited me...” (Matthew 25:36)**

**Remember in Prayer:**

*Myra Preston* is in Arkansas Continued Care Hospital, room 201, undergoing therapy and showing some improvements.

*Mittie Stallings* is in NEA Baptist, room 5201, recovering from a broken hip and surgery.

*Marshall Lands* continues to improve at home.

*Alta Vineyard, Carol Willcockson’s mother*, is in the hospital in southeast Missouri.

*Sympathy is extended to James and Sandra Johnson in the passing of their daughter-in-law, Traci Johnson.* Arrangements are incomplete while waiting for her husband Tim to be dismissed from the hospital.

**Please check the bulletin boards for updates on Prayer Request Lists.**

Please update us if needed.

**Also please pray for these who are directly or indirectly affected by Covid-19,**  
and please keep us updated.

*Tim Johnson* (the son of James and Sandra Johnson).

Tim remains in NEA Baptist but is improving and hopes to go home soon.

**In Other News:**

*Toddlers to teens and in between:* Thank you for a wonderful January of studying about the parables of Jesus and God’s amazing animals. If you haven’t turned in your review test yet, you can turn it in to the green boxes in the foyer. So far all have passed the test with flying colors, and there was even one comment that the test was too easy!

In the month of February, we will continue the same pattern, but our studies will revolve around the love of God and Jesus for us, and the ways we can show love to each other. We will continue our look each week at one of God’s amazing animals.

**Please keep checking the big bulletin boards on either side of the auditorium doors for work that our students are doing to portray beloved hymns through art.**

**Remember that you can place contributions for mission work into the envelopes on the back of the pews.**

**Updates to the picture board will take place today. Also please check the table in the foyer to update your address. Today and tonight will be the last opportunity to bring cards or other remembrances to congratulate and encourage Christian Herrera, and to extend sympathy to the Arnold Kelley family. Place them on the table in the foyer, please.**

**Those Privileged To Serve**

**February 7, 2021**

**SUNDAY MORNING**

Song Leader: Scottie Blanchard  
Opening Prayer: Stan Honeycutt  
Closing Prayer: Carlos Wood  
Bible Reading: Jimmie Powell  
Preacher: Terry Joe Kee

**LORD’S TABLE**

Presiding: Jerry Dodson  
Randy Oden Kevin Roush  
Reginald Read James Johnson  
Gerald George Jeff Presley

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dan Nichols

**SUNDAY EVENING**

Song Leader: Ben Johns  
Opening Prayer: Dan Nichols  
Closing Prayer: Barry Roush  
Preacher: Terry Joe Kee

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT**

**February 10, 2021**

Song Leader: Mark Wooten  
Opening Prayer: Jason Garland  
Closing Prayer: Carlos Wood

**DEVOTIONAL SPEAKER**

**February 10, 2021**  
Jason Garland

**NUMBERS FOR THE WEEK**

**Week Of**

**January 31, 2021**

Sunday Bible Study 69  
Sunday AM Worship 107  
Sunday PM Worship 87  
Wednesday Bible Study 85  
Contribution \$5051

**“A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.”**

**Proverbs 22:1**

# The Friend of Truth



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“Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?” (Galatians 4:16)

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## KeeNotes

We have been greatly blessed so far this year. We have seen our numbers remain mostly consistent during the first month of the year. We have had sixteen who have been restored and/or asked for the prayers of the saints. Our shepherds have been diligently working to encourage the saints at Greensboro Road and even though we are hindered in many ways they have already checked on and visited with more in January than in all of 2020. There is a renewed interest in the work of the Lord and all of us are responsible for doing what we can. Let us all continue to be looking for doors of opportunity to open and give us the opportunities we need to bring others into Christ.

This past Lord’s Day the presbyters announced that three men have been appointed to help serve in various areas and are now numbered among our deacons. Stacy Eddleman, Scott Pratt, and Kevin Roush were put into this special service by the elders Sunday. Stacy will be taking over the duties of leading the visitation teams and seeing that the communion is prepared each week. Scott will be responsible for the grounds around the building, and Kevin will be helping with our young people.

We are saddened to announce that our beloved Marshall Lands, who has served as a deacon since before I moved to Jonesboro, will no longer be able to serve and has resigned as a deacon. Marshall has been a good worker and a faithful worker in the vineyard. We have been blessed for over 30 years to have him working with us to help build up the church. Our continuing prayers are for Marshall to regain a portion of health that will allow him to be back in worship with us very soon. We love him, miss him, and pray for his recovery.

**SHEPHERDS**

Dan Nichols  
Randy Oden

**DEACONS**

Scottie Blanchard  
Jerry Dodson  
Stacy Eddleman  
Mike Felts  
Jason Garland  
Scott Pratt  
Kevin Roush  
Mark Wooten

**EVANGELIST**

Terry Joe Kee

**MISSIONARIES**

Samrit Kammanee  
Micah Robertson, Montana  
Warren, PA

**SERVICES**

**SUNDAY**

Classes 9:00 a.m.  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
5:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

**What Must I Do To Be Saved?**

*Hear* the Word of God  
*Romans 10:17*  
*Believe* the Word of God  
*John 8:24*  
*Repent* of your sins  
*Luke 13:3*  
*Confess* your faith in Jesus  
as the Son of God  
*Romans 10:9,10*  
*Be Baptized* for the  
remission of your sins  
*Acts 2:38*  
*Live faithfully*  
*Revelation 2:10*

*“Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.” (John 4:35)*

**Each One Invite One in Twenty-One**