



The Caller

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You're invited!

*Spring Gospel Meeting
April 22– April 25,
2018*

Times & Lesson Topics

9:30 a.m. Sunday Bible Class	The Bible
10:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship	The Love of God
6:00 p.m. Sunday Night Worship	The Church
7:00 p.m. Monday Night	The Cross
7:00 p.m. Tuesday Night	The Grace of God
7:00 p.m. Wednesday Night	The Family

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Such a Good Person

Do you know someone in your town or neighborhood, or perhaps in your congregation that you remember as being just an amazingly good person? If something needed done, you knew you could count on that person to do it. If someone was in need, this person would come to their aid. Perhaps it was said of this person, "I never heard them say anything negative about anyone ever." When a child was hurt this person would be right there to comfort the child. We all probably know someone like this.

One Christian lady that I knew somewhat but I've only heard of a portion of all the amazing things she had done was Esther Hinds. Sister Hinds had countless people into her home for a few nights as well as extended stays (preacher students in Miss., a home away from home for military boys stationed in San Francisco). Sister Hinds took care of her own family when they were unable and even cared for sick widow women who had no one to care for them. She would cook for widows and children at Yosemite Family Encampment. She would feed people at weekly Sunday lunches who did not have money to get lunch. She was an encourager to preachers. Even after she had a severe stroke she still maintained a sweet disposition. Though she was an amazingly good person, she knew she needed a Savior and she did everything to teach others that they also needed a Savior!

So who do you know who was or is an amazingly good and wonderful person? Whomever that person may be, are you aware that they are still in need of a Savior? One of the most interesting things that I have found when I have attended a funeral of someone who was known as an evil, immoral person is that so often the audience will hear what a wonderful person they were and how they are now in heaven. I was listening (now over 30 years ago) to an interview of one of the members of a famous rock band whose plane had crashed killing many of the band's members. As this fellow began talking about the band's leader, he spoke about how this man had taught him "everything" (how to drink, party, and "be with a woman"). I kid you not, in his next breath he said, "I just know he is up in heaven, playing with the angel band." You see, most all people like to think that everyone is generally a good person. Listen to someone who is getting a divorce because they cheated on their spouse and you will hear how they are generally a good person. Go to prison and talk with someone in jail and guess what, they usually tell you they are generally a good person.

Here is my point, we put too much emphasis sometimes on being a good person. Oh don't get me wrong, it is wonderful to be a good person (such people impact our world)—but no matter how good you are—if you were the best person to ever walk the face of the earth, you are still in need of a Savior. Why? Because the Bible teaches that none of us are sinless. Romans 3:23 is familiar to many. It reads, "For we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." Earlier in Romans 3:10 the same concept is said just a little bit of a different way "There is none righteous, no not one." In the context whether it was the Jews who thought they were God's chosen, or the Gentiles whom the Jews hated and thought they were superior to, Paul's point was they all had sinned and all needed a Savior. How loving of a Father would God be if there really was not a need for Jesus to come, suffer, and die since some people that had full mental capacity could live sinless lives? The only explanation for God sending His Son is that it was absolutely necessary in the plan of God, because all had sinned and needed a Savior.

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Sunday's Sermons:

***A.M. — The Unknown
James 4:3-17***

***P.M. — Faithfulness
Luke 8:4-8***