

## The Caller

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### **Gospel Meeting**

# Becoming the Best YOU Ever!

with Robert Hatfield
from Fort Mill, South Carolina

**October 13 - 16** 

### **Topics Include:**

- Appreciating His Majesty
- Offering Meaningful Worship
- Getting the Most from Bible Study
  - Enriching Your Prayer Life
  - Sharing the Joy of Salvation
    - Giving Christ Control

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In a few weeks, we will be privileged to start a gospel meeting with Robert Hatfield. What a great opportunity our elders have provided for us under their watch care. Not only will we have a number of days of consecutive Bible study, but the elders have chosen a very knowledgeable student of God's Word to present Bible-based lessons.

Let me ask you this—what is your attitude toward our upcoming Gospel Meeting? So often we start with the mindset that a Gospel Meeting is a thing of the past. We say "It used to work but today it just doesn't fit the modern mindset." As long as such is the attitude we hold, our Gospel Meetings will never be great. And what does a defeatist attitude say about us as Christians anyway? To indicate the Gospel Meeting will not be a success before it starts will almost guarantee it will fail; it also communicates a lack of trust in the power of God's Word.

Should we as followers of Christ not have as the greatest excitement in our life the study of God's Word? Are we not overjoyed with the thought of having an opportunity to spread the Gospel in the surrounding communities? Our attitude makes a difference in our prayers for a successful meeting, our invitations to friends and family to hear the Gospel, and our own attendance at this great event planned by our elders.

Besides hearing the grand Gospel of Christ, think about so many other blessings that come as a result of our Gospel meeting. We are blessed to fellowship with the greatest people on the face of the earth—God's people! I love my Christian family and enjoy our time together—do you? Gospel meetings provide a much-needed opportunity to reach out to the lost souls of Elizabethtown and the surrounding communities who need to hear God's Word so that they will not be lost. Remember if we are like Jesus as He is depicted in Luke's account of the Gospel, we will not just invite those who are well off but will look at the poor, and those who are steeped in sin for all are in need of the Gospel. We have no idea of knowing who are good prospects to invite; let's simply spread the seed to all soils and allow God to give the increase.

Maybe above all else, Gospel Meetings give us an opportunity to prove that we love God more than anything. Yes, we all have daily tasks (work, bills to pay, grass to cut, kids to get ready for school, homework) but that which is most important to us are things that we WILL take time to do. Matthew 6:33 was not simply instruction from Jesus to His followers in the first century, they are words for us today as well. Will you DETERMINE to TAKE every effort to make the meeting a success? Will you MAKE the time in your schedule book and planners to come and hear the Gospel preached?

John F. Board Elizabethtown, KY

#### Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. — Contemporary Concerns: Male & Female Genesis 1:26-27

P.M. — 5th Sunday Night Singing

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