

THE BELLEVILLE MESSENGER

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Some Opportunities Provided By Our Gospel Meeting

Next Sunday, the Lord willing, our gospel meeting with James Hahn doing the preaching begins. So, as our gospel meeting quickly approaches, let's consider some opportunities for which this gospel meeting can provide for us.

It Provides The Opportunity To Hear the Word of God.

Our dear brother Hahn has been entrusted with the responsibility to boldly and accurately present the powerful inspired word of God to us during our gospel meeting (1 Peter 4:11). You see, God's word truly is powerful (Romans 1:16; Hebrews 4:12), and not only is God's word powerful, but it is also the source of faith (Romans 10:17). So knowing that, let's take advantage of the opportunity to invite our family, friends, and neighbors to our gospel meeting, so that they too can hear the powerful word of God proclaimed. For, as James informed, the implanted word is able to save souls (James 1:21).

It Provides The Opportunity To Encourage and Edify One Another.

In Hebrews 3:13 the Hebrew writer instructed Christians to, "exhort one another daily." You see, brethren, we all need to be encouraged and edified daily by one another. For by doing so, as the Hebrew writer declared, we will all be less likely to be

hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. Knowing that, keep in mind that this gospel meeting will provide us with the opportunity to come together daily throughout the week of June 12-17, to encourage and edify one another. Therefore, let's take advantage of the opportunity to come together daily throughout the week of our meeting, and let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works (Hebrews 10:24).

It Provides The Opportunity To Be Refreshed.

The word refresh is defined as "to give new strength or energy; to reinvigorate." You see, we all live in a very demanding, deadline making world today, and the hustle and bustle of everyday life can, and does take a toll on us. However, this gospel meeting will provide us with the opportunity to become refreshed after the end of a hard day at work, and believe it or not, we all can become refreshed by hearing the encouraging, comforting, powerful word of God proclaimed, and by lifting up our voices in praise to God as we sing hymns and spiritual songs. Therefore, the word of God can and will "revive us again" (Psalm 85:6). So, take advantage of the opportunity to come to this gospel meeting, and be refreshed.

It Provides The Opportunity To Examine Ourselves.

In 2 Corinthians 13:5, Paul instructed the saints in Corinth to examine themselves. You see, we too must likewise make, and take the time to diligently do some self-examining. Therefore, my friends, may we all take the time to take an honest look in the mirror, and let's examine ourselves in the light of God's all inspired word (James 1:21-25). So, with that thought in mind, take advantage of the opportunity to come to this gospel meeting, and while you are here, take advantage of the opportunity to do some self-examining.

It Provides The Opportunity To Grow In The Lord.

This gospel meeting will also provide the opportunity to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus

Christ (2 Peter 3:18), and the truth is, we all need to strive to grow spiritually. Therefore, may we all possess a sincere desire for the word of God (1 Peter 2:2). For, by possessing this desire, we will be able to effectively grow spiritually. So, once again, take advantage of the opportunity which is provided by this gospel meeting to come and to grow in the knowledge of the Lord.

It Provides The Opportunity To Show Our Love For The Lord.

In Matthew 22 when Jesus was asked what the great commandment was, He responded with, “*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind*” (Matthew 22:37). Simply put, we are to whole-heartedly love the Lord, our God, with our all. Therefore, always seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33), and always sincerely express your love for the Lord daily. Knowing that, think about how this gospel meeting provides us with the opportunity to come together and express our love for the Lord together.

It Provides The Opportunity To Glorify God.

Last but certainly not least, this gospel meeting provides us with the opportunity to glorify our Almighty God. You see, all glory belongs only to God (Philippians 4:20). Therefore, let’s always strive to let our light so shine before others so that they can see our good works, and so that we can glorify our Father in heaven (Matthew 5:16). Let’s always do all that we do to the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31), and let’s take advantage of the opportunity provided by this gospel meeting to come together to glorify our One True Almighty God.

These are just a few examples of some opportunities that our gospel meeting will provide to us. I hope that you will all make plans to attend and that you will take advantage of the opportunities which will be provided.

✍️ Brad Phillips

“I Don’t See Anything Wrong With That”

How many times have we heard this reply when we question some belief or practice which may be without Bible authority? The saddest thing about the statement is that many times it is really true. So many individuals have so little knowledge and understanding of the Bible when they are confronted with some false teaching or practice they really do not have the ability to see anything wrong with the sinful doctrine or practice. We all need our “senses exercised to discern both good and evil” (Hebrews 5:14). The only way we can have this ability is to put forth the necessary effort to learn and understand the truth. If we know what is right we will be able to recognize that which is contrary to it as being wrong and sinful.

✍️ James Hahn

Mark Your Calender

Our Gospel Meeting is June 12-17

Preacher: James Hahn

Come join us, and hear the truth proclaimed!

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Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

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