

**MEAFORD MESSAGES**  
**MEAFORD CHURCH OF CHRIST**

- ◆ **Third**, they were standing in that message. That is, they were following the gospel.
- ◆ **Fourth**, they were saved by that message.
- ◆ **Fifth**, they would continue to be saved as long as they held fast to that message.
- ◆ **Sixth**, these facts were true if they truly believed those facts.
- ◆ **Seventh**, he delivered what he had received. He didn't make-up this message. In Galatians 1:12 he explained, "For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ."
- ◆ **Eighth**, what he delivered was of most importance which was that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures (according to what had been foretold in the Old Testament).
- ◆ **Ninth**, Christ was buried.
- ◆ **Tenth**, Christ was raised from the dead according to the Scriptures – according to the Old Testament prophecies.

That is the gospel. That is what we are commanded to proclaim. So let's share the good news with our lost and dying world.

~ Carl Pollard

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### The Gospel In My Hands

Names are hard. You can forget names, mix up names, and mispronounce names.

But there's a subject in scripture that is described many different ways, and it is given multiple names. The word "gospel" appears 101 times in the Bible. Some have described this word as meaning, "a reward for good tidings." The basic meaning of the word "gospel" is "good news."

It is the good news about the benefits we receive from the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The fundamental facts of the gospel are the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. These facts are found in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4. Notice what else we learn about the gospel from this passage,

"Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."

In this text we see what the gospel can do in the hands of a faithful Christian:

- ◆ **First**, Paul preached this gospel.
- ◆ **Second**, they received that message.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CARING & SHARING

Continue to remember Gord Cramp, Jean Cramp, Joyce Franklin, Jean Gonder, Fern Park, Isabel Petch, June White and Edythe Williams.

### SPEAKER THIS MORNING

Peter McDonald will be bringing us the lesson this morning.

### WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

Please join us for our Wednesday shuffleboard and Bible study. First shuffleboard at 12:30 followed by a social time (drinks and snacks) at 1:30, then Bible Study at 2 pm.

### SATURDAY MORNING GET TOGETHER

There will be a get together next Saturday at 8:30 AM. We will have breakfast together and then a speaker. Please make plans to join us.

### FOOD BANK NEEDS

The food bank is in short supply of the following: Cat food, tampons, shampoo, canned fruit, and crackers.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Natalie Book (17) Jean Cramp (18) - Her 100th I believe.



**Friday morning 8:30 am –  
Vision TV**

Rogers cable 21

Bell 64

Star Choice 394

**Sunday 2:00 pm – Joy TV**

Rogers 173

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

A chain is a handy device. You use it to pull a car out of the ditch. You can hoist a heavy item. You can use one to anchor a boat or secure a gate. But can't push with a chain. It will pull or hold but try to push and it's pretty much useless.

People are a lot like a chain. When linked together they can be powerful, if you pull them and don't try to push. You start pushing them and the links go every which way.

Too many times we try to lead folks by just pushing them. We're in the back trying to get things moving and it rarely works well. All that shouting and cajoling and needling might move things an inch or two, but the bang for the buck is underwhelming.

If we stand at the front and start pulling, however, things change. Things snap into place. The effort is multiplied. The strength of the whole is unified.

In any role—parent, teacher, mentor, boss—that we want to help lead others, we would be a lot better off if we try pulling instead of pushing.

~ Barry Haynes, Hope church of Christ, Hope, AR

## WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

Week 11: March 12 — March 18 — **Steadfastness**

12) Psalm 108:1-4

13) Psalm 119:1-8

14) Psalm 52

15) Colossians 1:15-23

16) 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

17) Acts 11:18-24

18) 2 Timothy 3:10-17

Questions to consider:

1. Examine your beliefs. Are you being led astray by any beliefs that contradict God's Word?
2. Examine your lifestyle. Are there any words, actions, or attitudes in your life that contradict what you just learned?
3. What steps are you going to take to grow in what you just learned?