

# **CAMPAIGN COURIER**

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SERVICES Sunday First Worship Service: 9:00 AM Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10:15 AM

Sunday Second Worship Service: 11:00 AM

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00 PM

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2020

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Campaign church of Christ Vacation Bible School 2020 Theme: "A Royal Adventure: Lessons from Great Bible Kings" July 12-15, 2020 Sunday Night Service: 7:30 Monday-Wednesday Night Services: 7:00 Classes for All Ages CAMPAIGN COURIER

### "GOSPEL MEETINGS" **BY: PAUL WILMOTH**

I grew up in the little town of Algood, Tennessee in the 40s, 50s, and 60s. Those were quiet times and peaceful times. A man's word was his bond; neighbors looked out for neighbors; we never had a TV until I was in the seventh grade; never attended the movies, even though there was a movie theatre in Algood. Kids could play outside and walk to town by themselves with no fear. I never remember coming home from school and my Mom not being there. I never remember going to school without a home-cooked meal. As I said, those were good days.

One of my favorite memories especially now that I can look back, was Gospel Meetings. They usually began in early Spring and continued until Winter. My dad took us to these Gospel Meetings in Putnam, Jackson, White, and Overton Counties, etc. We attended almost all of them, sometimes multiple times. I grew up listening to Monroe Lawson, Basil Overton, Malcolm Hill, J. B. Gaither, Carson Burroughs, Marshall Keeble, John Renshaw, the Lemons brothers, and Ralph Kidd, just to name a few.

These meetings were usually very well attended and often times there would be large numbers of baptisms and restorations. The Gospel was preached with fervor out of love for the Truth and the lost. The truth about the church, God's plan of salvation, and proper worship were subjects you heard over and over. Christian living was stressed including the truth about marriage, the sins of drinking, dancing, and immodest apparel.

In those days, if you had Malcolm Hill for a Gospel Meeting, you could count on a full house; often young children would sit on the pulpit or stand at his feet. In many of his meetings he had large numbers of responses, and the church would have responses from his preaching even after he was gone.

The Gospel Meeting was a tool in carrying out the Great Commission of Matthew 28:18-20. Since many smaller rural churches did not have preaching much except at "Big Meeting" time, many obeved the Gospel during these meetings.

And don't forget that air-conditioning consisted of raised windows, and paper fans furnished by the funeral homes in the area. Preachers would often get so hot that their suit would be soaked. Most men, even in those hot times, wore suits or at least a white shirt and tie. (Note: Continued on Page 3)



#### **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

10th - "Little" Shirley Gann's Birthday 14th - Denise Mayfield's Birthday 20th - Helen McCormick's Birthday

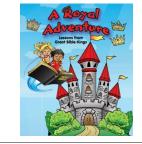
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# SICK LIST

Deborah Ballew	Judy Hoover
Don Blackwell	Davie King
Jaxson Chalfant	Tina Lance
Bobby Colwell, Jr.	Brooks Majors
Bert Denton	Ginny Olinek
Grace Denton	Brenda Qualls
Bill Fuqua	Miranda Ratleph
Terri Glisson	Linda Rutledge
Ethan Gordon	Katelyn Smith
Brayton Harris	Glenda Stiles
Johnny Haston	Joel Tenpenny
Nora Haston	Titus Ward
Timothy Haston	Paul Wilmoth

Please remember to pray for the sick. Also, please call, send cards to, and visit the sick.

BIBLE SCHOOL CORNER Get Ready! V. B. S. 2020 Is 2 Weeks from Today!



## **News**

- It is amazing how God has blessed us in so many ways. One of His blessings is to be able to be here today!
- Campaign church of Christ Vacation Bible School 2020, July 12-15 at 7:30 PM on Sunday and at 7:00 PM on Monday through Wednesday; Theme: "A Royal Adventure: Lessons from Great Bible Kings;" Classes for all ages with different speakers nightly for the Adult Class; Adult Class Speakers: Jason Gann (Sunday), Rickey Burks (Monday), Brad Burkett (Tuesday), and Joe Solomon (Wednesday); There will be refreshments each night.; Please be inviting others!
- This week's suggested pantry item is canned • asparagus. All pantry items are accepted.
- Happy Anniversary to Jason and Brandi Gann, who will celebrate on Monday, June 29, if the Lord wills!

(Note: Article Continued from Page 2) I miss those days! Many congregations no longer have these meetings, and certainly that is their right. I do not believe Gospel Meetings today serve the same purpose that they did in the "good old days." However they still are important tools to teach the church and to permit us to visit with brethren from other congregations.

When there are Gospel Meetings in the area, may I suggest that you take advantage of them. They provide the opportunity to hear preachers you will never hear otherwise, as well as an opportunity to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

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