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COMPASS

**Using God's Word to Chart The Course
Of A Congregation**

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Ministers:

Ken Mears

Missionaries: (India)

Don Iverson
Jim Waldron

Service Times

Sunday Bible Study	9 AM
Sunday Worship	10 AM 6 PM
Wednesday	6 PM

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Ladies Bible Class	
Tuesdays	11AM
Prayer Meeting	
Tuesdays	10 AM
Joyful Generation (Youth Devotional & fellowship)	
1st Sunday	7:00 PM

**You Are Invited To Attend Our
Annual
SPRING GOSPEL MEETING**

Gospel Theme: "Does Jesus Care"

May 6 ~ May 9

Sunday: Bible Class 9 a.m.

Worship 10 a.m.

6 p.m.

**Potluck fellowship meal immediately
following morning worship service**

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday @

6p.m.

Guest Speaker: Alan Judd



THE COMMISSION OF CHRIST IS GREAT

Ken Mears

The commission of Christ is great because of its author Jesus Christ. It is great because of its message, everyone can be saved. It is great because of its scope, all the world can be saved and now serve God. It is great because of its duration, until Christ returns. The commission given by Christ to the apostles now belongs to the church. The church must understand its part in God's plan for saving the world.

Many Christians are no longer satisfied with attending the worship services as their only responsibility to God and man. The command to go applies to the person who has been baptized for the remission of their sins. As Christians, we must realize that Christ was talking to us when he said "go". The church must be aware of the urgent need to preach the gospel to the many who are lost.

Thousands of people die each day without Christ. They face an eternity of torment and separation from God. Who must bear the responsibility for the loss condition of the world? Will it be God, will it be Christ, will it be the Holy Spirit, will it be you, would it be me? We must see the urgency of teaching the lost, not only for the sake of their souls but for ours as well.

As the church, we must be aware of the message and mission of Jesus Christ. "For the Son of Man is come to seek and save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). Christ began the work of saving the lost while here on earth. The work which he began in person has now been turned over to the church. This raises a question, "If the church does not recognize and carry out its responsibility in this matter, how will the lost learn the good news of the gospel of Christ?" The answer, they will not learn for God has no other plan than the one which he has given to the church.

The church of the 21st century needs to study again the actions of the church of the first century. Please read the following passages of scripture, Acts 2:42-47, Acts 4:4, Acts 4:32, Acts 5:14, Acts 5:28, Acts 5:42, Acts 6:7, and Acts 20:20. After reading these passages, please note the following expressions which describe the growth of the church and how it was accomplished. The number of the men was about five thousand; multitudes believed; multitudes were added both men and women. They filled their city with the doctrine of Christ. They taught daily in the temple and in every house. Many religious people were converted. They taught publicly and from house to house.

Heaven has great concern for the lost. This concern can be seen in the following scriptures. "For God so love the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man" (Hebrews 2:9). "And the spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Revelation 22:17). "I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance" (Luke 15:7).

Why should we obey the great commission? If I were limited to only one reason, I would say that we are to obey the great commission because Jesus said, "go". After all, this is reason enough. Jesus said, "if ye love me keep my commandments." Our going to heaven is dependent upon our obedience to the commandments of Christ. The great commission contains a commandment for each of us.

The great commission is a summary of the real mission of the church. The mission of the church can be summed up in one word, "Go"!

As someone has said, "It is the whole duty of the whole church to preach the whole gospel to the whole world."

BIBLE CLASSES, SPECIAL SERVICES, AND P.M. WORSHIP SERVICES

Neal Pollard

- ◆ I attend because I want to honor God in the special way that occurs when the church assembles to worship Him.
- ◆ I attend because I want to encourage others and be with them every opportunity that I can.
- ◆ I attend because I find the acts of worship so meaningful.
- ◆ I attend because there's so much of the Bible I have yet to master, and I want to hear what the teacher and the other students may have to say about it.
- ◆ I attend because what I do know and have learned I feel compelled to share when given the opportunity occasioned by the assemblies.
- ◆ I attend because I often meet those searching for truth, those new to the area, and those brothers and sisters visiting from out of town during those times.
- ◆ I attend because I think it sets a good example for my family, friends, and neighbors.
- ◆ I attend because the very exercise of what's done in assembling, if my heart is engaged, helps me grow in my Christian walk and strengthens me for the week ahead.
- ◆ I attend because I want to rise above the bare minimum expectations.

Certainly, there are many more and probably better answers regarding the motivation for attending every time the local saints are assembled. But these are enough to move me, when I am able, to join my spiritual family in both study and worship. I try to prioritize the assemblies above the unnecessary things and the things that will not endure beyond this life. The same reasons will draw me to come when we have seminars, gospel meetings, Vacation Bible School, lectureships, and the like. When I can attend, I want to attend! I'm thankful that so many others must feel the same way. There's always room for more!

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." (Psalms 122:1)

OPPORTUNITY

Dwight Fuqua

- ◆ A Gospel Meeting is an "opportunity" to introduce people to the church!
- ◆ A Gospel Meeting is an "opportunity" to share the "good news" of Christ with others!
- ◆ A Gospel Meeting is an "opportunity" to hear the Word of God ourselves!
- ◆ A Gospel Meeting is an "opportunity" to grow in our faith!
- ◆ A Gospel Meeting is an "opportunity" to worship God!

REMEMBER THAT

We cannot spell Sunday without U.

We cannot spell church without U.

We cannot spell success without U.

The church needs U to help.

We are counting on U.