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What Must I Do to Be a Soul Winner?

Our theme for 2008, "GO Therefore and..." describes our desire as a Church to begin actively looking for ways to better serve people in our community -- to open their eyes to the good news of Jesus Christ.

Jesus told his disciples, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:19) The implication is that if we are really following, we'll be fishing -- soul winning. Just before he was taken up into Heaven, Jesus spoke these words: "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations." (Matthew 28:19) In the Book of Acts we read, "Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went." (Acts 8:4) The New Testament Christians went everywhere, preaching the Word. Although persecution of Christians prevailed during that period, they were not disheartened -- on the contrary, they were fervent in their soul-winning efforts.

What did those early Christians have that we do not? What did they know that we do not? How can we, too, be that kind of witness for Jesus? Here are several suggestions for us to consider as we seek the lost:

◆ Ask God to give you an evangelistic burden for others.

Jesus said it was a way of seeing the world: "I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest." (John 4:35) Ask Him to help you see the world as He sees it. Open your eyes to the needs of the people around you and search for ways to serve them. Try to identify specific people and pray over those names every day. Keep a little prayer list and pray for an opportunity to reach those souls for Christ. If you don't have a true burden on your heart for people headed to hell, ask God for it.

◆ Live a consistent Christian life before people

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world... Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:14-16) We must live obedient lives of integrity and authentic faith. There are too many fakes in the world and people are tired of dealing with fakes. People must see us as both authentic and different. We must love when others hate, and forgive when others hold grudges. We must remain trusting when others panic, and be honest when all around us are looking for loopholes. Why? "...that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

◆ Build bridges to others

When the Lord shows you those needing Christ, seek to build relationships with them. Remember that Zacchaeus was a tax collector, yet Jesus went to his home where many sinners were gathered. While we must be careful not to get into situations where we may be pulled down, we cannot use fear as a cop out. We must be bold in cultivating friendships with those needing Christ. Perhaps Jesus has placed you in your particular school or workplace just to reach those whom no one else can reach.

◆ Be fluent in the Gospel

"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." (1 Peter 3:15) You will be better able to do this if you read, memorize key scripture, be willing to share your own conviction and practice -- then be watching for openings to share Jesus.

◆ Watch for openings -- but if the right opportunity doesn't come naturally, create one.

How do openings present themselves: Pain and sorrow; guilt; hopelessness; ??? Sometimes we wait too long, looking for just the right time and it never comes. There may come a point when we must prayerfully introduce the subject and do our best to impress upon someone their need for Christ.

◆ Leave the results with God.

We have an incredible responsibility for sharing the Gospel, but only God can save the soul. Having done your best, let Him do the rest. "What, after all, is Apollos? And is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe -- as the Lord has assigned to each his task. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building." (1 Corinthians 3:5-9) But this does not mean that we should ignore the results. Why? So that we may learn from our mistakes and learn about people.

GO therefore and...

John Yeilding

**Because of God's love, we celebrate and guide
those inside and outside the church
to salvation in Christ Jesus through the Bible.**

Prayer Requests - (Please advise us of updates as they become available)

Please pray for **Pearl Dyer**, who has not been feeling well. Also pray for her as she will once again need eye surgery. Please pray for **Brenda Jones** (Kelly Hayes' mother) who is serving for two weeks on a medical mission trip to the Philippines and Malaysia. Please pray for **Harding University students** who are helping tornado victims in Tennessee, and pray for all of the victims. Please pray for **Charlotte Tenne** (friend of Pearl Dyer) who has a brain aneurism. Please pray for **Jim Alban** who is having severe back pain, requiring injections. **PRAISE: Michael Bedwell** (Ron's nephew) was diagnosed with an infection, not cancer! **Ron Shue** is still in Hershey Medical Center. Please continue in prayer for him and his complete healing. Please continue to pray for Ken Gleim's sister, **Deb Stine**, who had surgery to remove a growth. Pray there are no complications and that her healing comes quickly. **Donald Linch** (friend of Ella Mae Cheek) is suffering with high blood pressure and will also undergo bladder surgery. He now resides at the Autumn House Nursing facility in York. **Robin Hart** is recovering from her accident at her parent's home. Please pray for her healing. **Estle White** is experiencing breathing difficulties and may need additional health care. Also pray for **Deborah Prieto** that she make life changes and obeys the Gospel. Please pray for **Helen Lippiatt** (Tammy Brittell & Scott Lippiatt's grand mother), who broker her hip and is recovering at Manor Care Health South, Room 411, 200 Pauline Drive, York, PA 17402. Please pray for **Jane Moser**, who has a mass on her gall bladder. Pray that no cancer is found (given by Judy Trinks). Please pray for **Angie Coble** (Judy Trinks' daughter-in-law) who has heart-related ailments. **Wyatt Koger** (given by Heinly's) is in Johns Hopkins recovering from emergency surgery. Please pray for him, his parents and grand parents. **Alice Trinks** (George's mother) has pneumonia. **Ruby Shultz** (Gary's mother) is back in the hospital with internal bleeding. **Pat Smithson** continues with health struggles. Please continue to pray for her. **Chelsea Carper** has been ill, please pray that a cause and treatment may be found. Please keep **Jim Alban, Jr.** in your prayers, he has lost his job. Please pray for **Lily Seufert** (Steve & Barb Rosier's grand daughter) who had surgery to help her with a hearing problem. Please pray for the **5 year-old son of Joel Cummings** who has Juvenile Diabetes (given by Heinly). **Bernice Bare** for strength during her cancer treatments, **Brandy Potter** is having seizures and headaches and is undergoing tests (unsigned prayer card).

Expectant Mothers

Please pray that **Lacey (Dyer) Latterman** and **Leanne (Simmons) Ramos** give birth to healthy babies. Also pray for **Erin Hower** (Earl & Barb's daughter-in-law) who is expecting twin girls.

In the Military

Eric Bankert (Emily Russell's brother) has graduated basic training and is now in AIT in Maryland. **Jamie Lawson, Shane Markle and Seth Robertson.**

Cancer Patients

PRAISE! Sandi Ahart, Lisa Parrott's mother, had surgery and is recuperating at home. Please pray for her healing. Please pray for **Stacey** (given by the Dayhoffs) who will undergo a mastectomy. Please pray for **Cheyne Mann**, a 5-year old friend of Brayden Lewis, who was diagnosed with cancer. Pray for his family, the doctors and the road ahead. **Wanda Yost's** cancer has returned to her rib bone and she will undergo radiation treatments in January. **Frank Stong** (Albert's brother) will undergo treatments five days a week for six weeks for throat cancer. **Harvey Blevins** is home recovering from his cancer surgery. Pray for his continued healing. **Shontay Hower's** cancer has returned (lungs) after her Hodgkin's disease had been in remission. She is the 17 year old great niece of Earl and Barb Hower. **Melba Neidens** (Lori Lonard's grandmother) underwent major surgery and will receive several months of chemo treatments. **Ruby Hickman** has been diagnosed with cancer. Please pray for **Warren Yuspa** (given by Crystal Thomas) who has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer. Also **Diane Witt** (given by Koskey's) who has been diagnosed with stage 3 colon cancer. **Richard Adams** (given by Glenda Cummings) has been diagnosed with Leukemia. Please pray for **Barb Tome's** 8 year old niece who has been diagnosed with Leukemia. Please pray for **Melvin Rineholt** (friend of Dennis Cummings), who has stomach cancer. Please pray for **Stephen Royer**, father of one of Caleb Robertson's friends, who has brain cancer. Also **Carl Lawson** (leukemia), **Travis Flynn, Sherry McCracken, Donna Heim, Dave Mitchell, Jean Saez,** and **Dewey Renfro** have cancer.

Upcoming Events

February 23 - 30 Days of Prayer Begins

February 24 - Recycling Sunday

March 1 - Women's "Rock" Group Study - 8:30 am

March 2 - LIFE Groups Meet - no pm service

March 8 - Blood Drive #2 for Ron Shue. Donations will be taken from 11 am to 3 pm. Call or email Carol to set up your appointment.

March 14 - Craft Night - 6:30 pm

March 23 - "Bring a Friend" Easter Sunday. Watch for more information.

Condolences

Please pray for Olive Eisenhower and her children, Sam, Amanda, Christina & Josh Sangrey, on the death of Olive's mother in Texas. Their address is 3264 Sticks Road, Glen Rock, PA 17327

Rejoice!

Rebecca Hayes was baptized into Christ on Saturday, February 16, by her father, Michael Hayes. We rejoice with Rebecca as she begins her new life in Christ. Address: 4 Concord Drive, New Freedom, PA 17429

Mexico Work Team

Our Mexico Mission Team is looking for odd jobs to help them raise funds for this year's trip. If you have a job for the team, contact Adam Markle - admmrkl@juno.com who will schedule the time with you. As always, this is a great way to participate on one of our special mission projects.

Prayer calendar correction: March 14 - The scripture reference should read John 1:4

Attention Men of the Congregation - Two New Men's Bible Studies

Mondays - 6:30 pm at the building - "One page and one hour" Please join us for a personal study and stimulating discussion on men's issues and the Bible - contact

David Munch

Tuesdays 12:3 pm at the building - contact Gareth Flanary

Sunday, February 17

Attendance - Regulars:	160
Attendance - Visitors:	10
Attendance - Total:	<u>180</u>
Offering to God:	\$5,010
Budgeted Amount:	\$5,305