



# The Encourager

January 16, 2022

**Each One Reach One in 2022 Challenge—How are you doing?**

## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

Bible Class: 9:00 a.m.  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Worship: 2:00 p.m.

### Wednesday

Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.

### Thursday

Bible Class: -----

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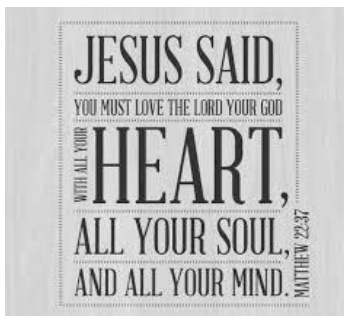
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May God bless you with a wonderful week.

At the end of 2021, this writer preached a lesson entitled: “Each One Reach One in 2022.” The challenge was given to all the members of the Hopkinsville church of Christ to strive to reach someone with the gospel this year. We are now 2 weeks in 2022. How are you doing, so far, with the challenge? In this article, review will be given of what we are trying to accomplish this year.

**Think**—The first step given in the lesson was *think about who you know* in your “circle.” There are family members, friends, co-workers, and acquaintances in your life that are lost. You know them better than anyone, and you have the best chance of reaching them with the truth. Your example of Christianity is what they need to see as Jesus said, “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matt. 5:14-16 NKJV). So, first, think about those people in your life, and then narrow it down to 2-3 names. Write those names down on a piece of paper or save it in your phone. Carry those names with you.

**Pray**—the next step is to *pray for those 2-3 people you are trying to reach*. Paul said to the Colossians, “Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains” (Col. 4:2-3 NKJV). Paul wanted his brethren in Colosse to pray for an opportunity or “door” to open for the gospel to be spread. Likewise, for those 2-3 people in our lives that we want to reach, we need to pray for an opportunity to share the gospel with them. We need to pray for “good soil” in their hearts to receive the seed of the gospel (Luke 8:5-8).

**Talk**—the third step is to *talk to these folks and become genuinely interested in them*. Far too often, we want to talk about ourselves when we talk to people. Dale Carnegie writes, “You can make more friends in 2 months by becoming interested in other people than you can in 2 years by trying to get other people interested in you” (54). Paul said, “Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others” (Philippians 2:3-4 NKJV)

In the sermon, a challenge was given to each of us regarding our conversations with others. Challenge yourself when you talk to these 2-3 people that want to reach to let the conversation be about them. Resist the desire to talk about yourself. If they ask you a question about yourself, answer it quickly and then go right back to talking about them. Remember, we want to show people we are interested in them and their souls. A good technique would be to think about some questions you want to ask when you talk to folks. We offered a few suggestions in the lesson.

*For Acquaintances we might ask:* (1) Where are you from? (2) How long have you lived here? (3) If you don’t mind me asking, where do you attend church services? (4) What made you decide to attend there? (5) I’d like to know more about the church where you attend, what is a good number to reach you, so I can talk to you more?

*For those we know we might ask:* (1) I know you attend church services at “XYZ,” what made you decide to attend there? (2) What do you like about attending there? (3) What are some things you are studying there? (4) When people ask you how to become a member there, what do you tell them that they need to do? (5) Do you think that we could sit down together sometime, and you could show me in the Bible those things you told me? Remember to BE INTERESTED—NOT INTERESTING.

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## Family News

- ❖ If you are visiting with us today. You are our honored guest. Please fill out a visitor's card in front of you.
- ❖ Please keep Emily in your prayers. She has been having migraines as well as visions problems. She is also awaiting results on her MRI.
- ❖ Rhonda Knight's best friend's cousin Everly Cunningham fractured both sides of her skull. Please keep her in your prayers.
- ❖ Please pray for Todd's granddaughter Ileanna , she has RSV.
- ❖ Pray for the family of Pam Holloway. She had a brain aneurysm and is in a coma. She is a friend of Vicki Russell.

*Happy Birthday!*

*Andy Knight 01/16*  
*Troy Joiner 01/18*  
*Jabby Rawlins 01/18*  
*Jim Graves 01/19*  
*Phillip Greene 01/21*  
*Hadley Nash 01/21*  
*Lane Glass 01/25*



**Study**—the fourth step is to *study the conversations in the Bible that Jesus had with people one-on-one*. The book of John is a great source of information for those one-on-one conversations (e.g., Nicodemus in John 3 and the Samaritan woman in John 4). Could we learn from our Lord by looking at the conversations that he had with people? Absolutely!

Also, it would be good to study the questions that Jesus often asked people to get them talking about spiritual things. Jesus often asked, “Have you not read” (Matthew 12:3, 5; Mark 12:10, 26), and then talked about a particular scripture with someone. He asked the lawyer, “What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?” (Luke 10:26). If we study specifically how Jesus went about bringing folks to him then it will help *us* in bringing folks to him.

**Act**—the final step is to *act by getting more involved in the church*. Evangelism was a very natural process for the early church because they were heavily involved in the work of the church. In the lesson, Acts 2:44-47 was cited as evidence of this fact: “Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved” (NKJV).

According to this passage, the members of the church spent time together regularly. They were together OFTEN. They helped one another. They were hospitable. They worshipped together. They influenced people around them because of what they were doing together. As a result, “the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.” By being involved in the work of the church, you have a personal interest in others being a part of that work. If you are Bible class teacher, aren't you interested in students coming to that class? If you attend a youth event, aren't you interested in youth coming to that event (not just your children and grandchildren but also friends and family of those children and grandchildren)?

So, how are you doing in your effort to reach someone this year?

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### Work Cited

Carnegie, Dale. How to Win Friends and Influence People. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1936.

## Shut – ins

Rowena Rawlins

Nancy Wills

Norma Jean Cheatham



## Prayer List

**Emily Pyle** – cancer ; **Daniel Hood** – brain tumor; **Sylas Luxmore** – leukemia;  
**Melissa Pace** - dialysis; **Sherry Beck** – cancer; **Pete Harry** ; **Jesse & Elsie Lancaster**  
– Charlie's brother/sis n law; **Bobby Reagan** – recovering; **Kathy Wagoner** – cancer;  
**Dot Foshee** – cancer; **Madison Blake** – Becky's great niece, **Jeff Turner's father** –  
diabetes; **Gilbert Lee** – esophagus cancer; **Jinnie McDaniel** – cancer; **Larry & Ginger**  
**Stearman** – Emily's aunt/uncle- cancer; **Janet Robinson** –cancer ,Winston Smith's  
sister; **Samantha Hood**- accident, Eddie Gross's Cousin's wife; **Deloris Seay**- severe  
diabetic, Paulette Reagan's sister ; **Marilyn Hooks** -health problems ; **Gary Godsey**  
–surgery, Eddie Gross's friend ; **Bill Stevens**-Tim & Lisa Rawlins friend;  
**Anna Foshee** ; **Nancy Wills**

## Things “Uncommon” that are Commonly Believed Among Us:

### Baptism is Necessary for Salvation (Romans 6:1-4)

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#### I. \_\_\_\_\_ of the Issue

A. \_\_\_\_\_ of the term (Acts 8:38; John 3:23; Mark 16:16; Rom. 10:17; Acts 8:36-37)

B. \_\_\_\_\_ of the practice (Eph. 4:4-6; Mark 1:4; Acts 19:1-5; Matt. 3:10-11; Acts 1:5; Mark 1:8; Matt. 20:20-23; 1 Cor. 10:1-2; Acts 2:38-41, 47; Matt. 16:18; Acts 2:38-41, 47).

#### II. Consideration of the \_\_\_\_\_

A. The book of Conversions—\_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 2:41; 8:5-12, 13; 8:26-39: 9:1-8; Acts 10:44-48; 16:14-15, 25-34; 19:1-5)

B. Some questions for \_\_\_\_\_

#### III. \_\_\_\_\_ of the Matter

A. Baptism is the \_\_\_\_\_ way to contact the blood of Christ (Matt. 26:28; Rev. 1:5; John 19:33-34; Rom. 6:3-4)

B. We must \_\_\_\_\_ baptism for the remission of sins in order to be saved (Matt. 28:18-20; 7:21)

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## TEEN EVENTS

- February 13<sup>th</sup> SNL @3:15
- February 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> CYC

Sunday	01/16/22	01/23/22
<b>MORNING SERVICES</b>		
Ushers	William Bivins	Tom Knight
	Caleb Rawlins	Joe Grace
	Bill Jones	Bill Jones
Song Leader	Tim Rawlins	Neil Hight
Announcements	Mike Perry	Todd Deason
Worship Prayer	Joe Grace	Tim Rawlins
Scripture Reading	Todd Deason	Alex Deason
Presiding	Doris Silvy	Jimmie Anderson
Lord's Supper		
Message/Invitation	Spencer Strickland	Spencer Strickland
Closing Prayer	Jimmie Anderson	Winston Smith
Greeters		
Nursery Attendant	Emily Pyle	Rhonda Knight
<b>EVENING SERVICES</b>		
Ushers	William Bivins	Tom Knight
	Caleb Rawlins	Joe Grace
	Bill Jones	Bill Jones
Song Leader	Tim Rawlins	Neil Hight
Worship Prayer	Neil Hight	
Message/Invitation	Spencer Strickland	Spencer Strickland
Lord's Supper		
Closing Prayer	Joe Grace	Todd Deason
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>01/19/22</b>	<b>01/26/22</b>
Invitation	Spencer Strickland	Spencer Strickland
Song Leaders	Tim Rawlins	Neil Hight
Closing Prayer	Mike Perry	Ken Pendleton
Prepare Communion		
Baptismal Assist		
Open/Close Building		
Baptismal Assist.		
Class Count/Ring Bell	William Bivins	Bill Jones

Men serving on the Lord's Table: Please meet in the library after class.

## Bible Reading Challenge

January 16, 2022 – January 22, 2022

- Sun. Gen.17/ Matthew 16/Nehemiah 6/Acts 16
- Mon. Gen. 18/Matthew 17/ Nehemiah 7/Acts 17
- Tues. Gen.19/Matthew 18/Nehemiah 8/Acts 18
- Wed. Gen. 20/Matthew 19 /Nehemiah 9/Acts 19
- Thurs. Gen. 21/Matthew 20/Nehemiah 10/Acts 20
- Fri. Gen. 22/Matthew 21/Nehemiah 11/Acts 21
- Sat. Gen. 23/Matthew 22/Nehemiah 12/Acts 22

## For the Record

### Week of January 9

Bible Class:

AM Worship: 90

PM Worship: 46

Wednesday Evening: 47

Contribution: \$3,107.60

(Budget 3400)

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