

May 14, 2017



An easy mistake to make in evangelism is to see it as something that **you** do. In other words, success or failure in evangelism is seen as largely due to the efforts of the evangelist (soul-winner). This

mindset has turned evangelism from a "witness" paradigm into a "persuasion" paradigm. A witness is one who simply tells what they have seen, heard, and experienced. Witnesses in a courtroom are bound to "tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth." A witness doesn't seek to persuade; he doesn't seek to convince; all he seeks to do is be faithful to proclaim what he knows to be true and why he knows it to be true.

However, in persuasion, one person is engaged in an effort to change the mind of another person to a particular point of view. It's not uncommon in persuasion to alter or re-package the message to make it more appealing to others. In persuasion, the most important thing isn't the truth of the message, but the individual's response to that message.

If the goal of evangelism is getting people to that moment of choice, then there is every temptation to "do whatever it takes" to make that happen. This mindset has led to carnal churches engaged in the seeker-sensitive movement or the emergent movement, that seek to make Christianity more relevant and appealing to a modern world. On the surface, this sounds good and noble, but at what cost? The Bible says that it is the gospel that has the power of salvation and we are not to be ashamed of it (Romans 1:16-17). We need to witness and let the Holy Spirit do His work to see true salvation experiences.

Prayer Requests

Jerry Rotruck - cancer / strength
Sharon O'Toole - continued healing
Kelly Walters - back
Heidi Marshall - cancer
Jim Boger - Cancer
McKayla Rhodes - back brace
Carla Darrell - lupus
Praise the Lord! Molly Howard had her baby., Lucy May (5-10-17)

Music Practice

Sunday

Soldiers of the Cross 4:25 pm
Choir 4:55 pm
B.B.C. Singers 4:55 pm

Wednesday

Portrait of Grace after service
King's Daughters after service
Mixed Group after service

*Remember to be faithful
to your Missions pledge
and Building fund pledge*

Scripture

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Ephesians 4:32

Calendar Events

Shelby Ashby & Josh Patrick Wedding
Friday, July 7, 2017
4:30 PM

Harbor of Light Ladies Conference



Friday and Saturday
August 25-26
Mrs. Francie Taylor

Missions Conference



September 22-24
Bro. Ken Fielder
WORLDVIEW
MINISTRIES



Dr. Chuck Harding
Awake America
Sunday
October 29



Ladies, you are invited to a
Bridal Shower for

Shelby Ashby

next Saturday, May 20th
2:00 pm

Registered @ Walmart

Sign up Sheet on Lord's Supper
Table.