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**You're  
Invited!**

# *Gospel Meeting*

**September 25-28**

1002 Lehman Avenue  
Bowling Green, Kentucky

*Sunday Morning Worship - 9:30 Bible Class - 10:30*

*Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.*

*Monday - Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.*

Speaker:

**Garvis Semore**  
**Henderson, Tennessee**

*Theme: What is Right With the Church?*



Sunday A.M.: The Right Authority  
Bible Class: The Right Name  
Sunday P.M.: The Right Organization  
Monday: The Right Worship  
Tuesday: The Right Mission  
Wednesday: The Right Hope

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***Bowling Green, Kentucky***

# Defining Success

Most everyone wants to be successful in life. So we go to school, and we train. Bookstores overflow with books designed to help us be more successful. “Experts” conduct seminars to teach us how to be more successful. We want our kids to be successful also, so we try to give them the best head start in life that we can. They need to be in the best schools, and be involved in the best extracurricular activities, so that they can get into the best colleges – all to help them be successful in life.

Often times significant sacrifices are made in the pursuit of success. Yet for all of our efforts, success largely remains an elusive target. Why is that? Because we don’t really know what it is. How can we know how to achieve success if we do not even know what it is? It becomes impossible to effectively plan for it and progress towards it because the target keeps moving away as we approach it. Therefore, we must begin our quest with a clearly defined goal in mind.

A good dictionary definition of success might be *“the favorable or prosperous termination of attempts or endeavors.”* The challenge comes in differentiating between temporal success and ultimate success. Someone might well have a very long list of achievements to their credit, and still look back over their life with bitter regret. Conversely, someone might have a very ordinary life, yet face death with peace and satisfaction. Which individual has been the greater success?

Jesus rhetorically poses the question in **Mark 8:36**, (NKJV) *For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?* Jesus has gotten straight to the heart of what makes an individual successful or not. Has an individual reached *“the favorable or prosperous termination of attempts or endeavors”* related to the purpose of his creation?

Let’s put it another way. A football team sets out to win a game. They will prepare for the game by practicing their plays. They will scout the tendencies and abilities of their coming opponent. A game plan will be

formulated to maximize their own strengths and exploit the weaknesses of their opponents. Then game time comes around. If they win the game, then their efforts have been successful. If they lose, then they have not. Individuals on a losing team might accumulate some impressive achievements on the way to defeat. Perhaps the running back gained 100 yards, or the quarterback threw for 300 yards. But if they fail to win the game, then they have not succeeded in their endeavor.

Likewise, we are created to fulfill certain purposes. We are here, in the words of Solomon, *“to fear God and keep His commandments”* (Ecclesiastes 12:13). Or in the words of Jesus, *“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”* (Luke 10:27). We might accumulate any number of impressive accomplishments in life, but if we fail to achieve the purposes for which we were created, then our life has been unsuccessful.

Let’s return briefly to the football analogy. In the 2010 BCS National Championship game, Alabama quarterback, Greg McElroy passed for an unimpressive 58 yards and no touchdowns. But he won the national championship. He achieved *the favorable or prosperous termination of attempts or endeavors*, thus was successful.

The point is that success in life is not all about personal achievements. It is not about finishing with the biggest house or nicest car. It is not about finishing with the best education. It is not about reaching the top of our career. It is not about having the largest retirement fund. It IS about serving and loving God and one another. A life full of love and service is a successful life.

How well are we preparing our children for that kind of success? How diligently are we, ourselves, striving for that kind of success?

- Daniel Gaines

# News and Notes

## LIFE GROUPS

Life Group #2 will meet Sunday after Bible class for assignments.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Ladies Bible Class - 10:00 a.m.	September 7
Ladies Eat Out - Panera 6:00 p.m.	September 15
Men Eat Out - Chic Filet 6:00 p.m.	September 15
Bible School Brainstorming - 4:30	September 18
Young at Heart - 6:30 p.m.	September 21
Fall Gospel Meeting	September 25-28
Speaker: Garvis Semore	
Potluck honoring new members	September 25
Men's Retreat	October 28-29
Ladies' Day	November 12

## BAPTISM

We are pleased to announce that McKenzie Rogers, daughter of John and Deanna Rogers, was baptized into Christ on Sunday, September 4, by Mike Greene.

## BULGARIA MISSIONS

The elders have agreed this year to participate in the Heat Relief program for the Christians in Bulgaria. All contributions above the budget on September 18 will go toward this effort. Thank You!

- M. H. Proffitt

## BRIDAL SHOWER

There will be a bridal shower for Ashley Wells on Sunday, September 18 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the MPR. Ashley and Jared McGuire are registered at Target, Kohl's and Home Depot. All ladies are invited to attend.

## FALL FESTIVAL

Potter Children's Home will have its annual Fall Festival on September 17. Silent Auction 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Live Auction starts at Noon, and Yard Sale opens at 10:00 a.m. There are a few flyers on the table under the bulletin board in the MPR if you would like to have one.

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- John Turbeville is experiencing health problems. He and Linda have requested our prayers.
- Dennis Hymer, step-son of Gwen Hymer, had surgery in Philadelphia on Friday, September 2. Gwen has requested prayers for Dennis and his family.
- Mary Creech, sister of Joyce Ennis, had colon surgery recently. Joyce has requested our prayers.
- Brandy Day, niece of Jerry and Pat Chapman, was in a car accident last weekend. She had surgery on Saturday, September 3 at Vanderbilt. Please remember Brandy in your prayers.

## LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES

It's registration time!! Your first opportunity to register for the 2012 convention will be this Sunday, **September 11** following Bible study. There will be a table set up in the MPR where you will be able to get information about the events, the convention and pick up registration forms. ANYONE attending the convention or participating in an event MUST complete a registration form. Please plan to stop by the table and start your registration process. See Harold or Kelli Nicks if you need more information.

Puppet Teams: All those interested in being on a puppet team this year, please bring a parent and come to a brief meeting this Sunday, **September 11**, at 5:30 p.m. in the MPR. Please see Sherry Simpson if you have questions.

There will be a Lads To Leaders class for those girls participating in **GIFTS 1** on **September 18**, at 5:00 p.m. in the MPR. For girls participating in **GIFTS 3**, your class is scheduled to meet on **September 25**, at 5:00 p.m. in the MPR. If you have questions, please see Joyce Johnson or Peggy Runner.

### EVANGELIZE KENTUCKY

Sunday September 4, 2011

### GRANT COUNTY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Attendance: 42 Contribution: \$1,737.00

### OWENTON CHURCH OF CHRIST

Attendance: 8 Contribution: \$165.00  
2 Placed Membership

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Bible Class.....10:40 A.M.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday Mid-week Service.....7:00 P.M.

**Minister**

Michael D. Greene

**Associate Minister**

Daniel Gaines

**Elders**

Darrell Dubree  
Bobby Gilbert  
John K. Gott  
Warren Vaughan

**Deacons**

Don Cole	Dan Grise	Hugh Runner
Larry Cole	Eddie Hughes	Russell Simpson
Gil Ray Cowles	Derek Johnson	Jim Tabor
Rick Emerson	Danny Jones	Roger Watt
Kevin Eubanks	Riley Keown	Rick Wheat
Butch Gilbert	Mike McGuire	Ronnie Wilson

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CHANGE SERVICE  
REQUESTED

**September 11, A.M. Worship  
Assignments**

Announcements.....Bobby Gilbert  
Song Leader.....Phil Hartnady  
Sermon.....Mike Greene  
First Prayer.....Pete Thomas  
Lord's Supper Prayer.....Ray Jones

**SERVE AT TABLE**

Danny Jones.....Maxie Jones  
Greg Neville.....Greg Owen  
Jeff Coles.....Buster French  
Steven Mann.....Alt.....Kyle Mann

Closing prayer.....Jim Jones  
Bus Driver.....Blake Fritsch

**6 P.M. WORSHIP**

Announcements/Prayer.....Austin Cole  
Song Leader.....John Turbeville  
Closing Prayer.....Larry Cole

**September 14, P. M. WEDNESDAY**

Announcements.....Nick Dubree  
Song Leader.....Jerry Proctor

**Shut In At Home**

Fred Adams; Dorothy Herrington;  
Lucyrene Price; Joyce Siddens (Atlanta);  
Eugenia Smith; Geraldine Garrison; Charles  
Cook; Doug Bean; Jessie Thomas; Nellie Brown;  
Hazel Sensing; Pauline Nowicki; Ruby Wilson

**In Nursing Care**

**Christian Health Center**  
Lois Devore 203B

**Rosewood Manor**  
Flossie Haynes 114A

**Morningside**  
Rolena Greathouse 133