

Quantity Not Quality

By Rob Whitacre

All my life I have heard people say, "It is quality and not quantity." Perhaps in some areas of life this is true, but not when it comes to souls. Since every soul is made in the image of God (Genesis 1:27), every soul has value. Picking one soul or group of souls over others is ungodly and will greatly diminish your evangelism efforts.

When Jesus said, "Many are called, but few are chosen," He gave a strategy for success (Matthew 22:14). It is so obvious, but I missed it for most of my evangelistic years. If you want to find the "few," you have to go after the "many." This means you need a lot of contacts. While House to House/Heart to Heart, New Movers, Visitors, Community Events, Door Knocking gives you some contacts, the "many" must come from the pews. Prospecting two or three contacts each week will give you negligible results.

Matthew 22:1-14 is a powerful parable that teaches how to fill up our banquet rooms. This parable of the King's Son has impactful words. First, we serve a God who "sends" out his servants. We cannot achieve success waiting for people to come in when the Great Commission tells us to go out. Second, God wants us to "call" and "bid" those on the outside to come. God's calling power is through His saving gospel (2 Thessalonians 2:14). It is in open invitation for every race.

As the parable progresses and the room is not filled, the King's anger is kindled. You see, God wants His room full. He sends His servants out to the highway to bid all those he finds, good or bad, to come. God does not want you to pick only those you think are "good" because all people need to be bidden. God wants every- one. He does not want any to perish, but all to come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9). He does not want you to focus on only a few visitors or close friends.

The key to this parable is found in two additional words, "many" and "few." During the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus clearly identified how many would be saved: "Few there be that find it" (Matthew 7:14). Jesus carries over this principle when He said, "For many are called, but few are chosen" (22:14). If we want to succeed in evangelism, we must understand that in order to get a few, we must begin with the many. The reason most congregations fail to baptize "the few" is because they do not begin with "the many." If we rewrote this verse to describe the evangelism efforts of most congregations, it would read, "Few are called, and almost none are chosen." If you do not have a large base of contacts at the beginning, you will not save even a few souls.

It is not the quality of the contacts, but the quantity of contacts you bid. We must expand our ability to reach out to the community. Sitting in your pews is the answer. The members know contacts. They are neighbors, co-workers, friends, family, and ball team members. We must compel our members to provide contacts. Congregations must use all their resources to grow their contact list. If we start small, we end with almost nothing. If we start large, we will end up with a few. A few each year is all it will take for the church of Christ to grow again!

Serving AM & PM today and next Sunday AM:

Sunday Rotation	November 26, 2023 AM	November 26, 2023 PM	December 3, 2023 AM
Greeter	Jerry Thompson	Brandon Fourman	Dustin Desarro
Announcements	Duane Kemp		Jason Bang
Song Leading	Jason Bang	Duane Kemp	
Opening Prayer/Usher Left	Tom Muter	Jerry Thompson	Seth Arrell
Lord's Supper Comments	Tim Bang	Tom Muter	Jerry Thompson
Scripture Reading	Seth Arrell	Tim Bang	Duane Kemp
Sermon	John McGiffin	John McGiffin	John McGiffin
Closing Prayer/Usher Right	Chris McGiffin	Jason Bang	Tom Muter

Things you should know about...

We are sending donations to the Disaster Relief Fund quarterly. If you'd like to contribute, mark it as "DRF" or give the money to Jason. The next donation will be sent after the end of December.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Heather Fourman 11/26	David Glenn 12/8	Dan Metcalf 12/10
Viola Schultz 11/28	Alena Brown 12/9	Dustin Dessaro 12/11
Carrie Thompson 12/5	Jennifer Garren 12/9	Jerry Thompson 12/18

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Happy Anniversary!

Doug & Nellie Hoff 11/27
Duane & Carol Kemp 12/24

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Meeting @ Springfield Church of Christ - December 1-3
Speaking is Doug Burleson of Freed-Hardemen University
(see flyer for details/time for each session)

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Ladies Bible Study - The Crown
Wednesday, December 6th @ 7pm

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Congregation Holiday Party - December 9th @ 5pm

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Men's meeting after AM services on December 17th

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Holiday gifts/food baskets handed out - December 17th

A list of gifts requested/needed for each family is on the back table, in addition to the food items still needed. Please have wrapped gifts brought to the building by Wednesday, December 13th and food items on Sunday morning, December 17th. Thank you for having giving hearts!!

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This week's Bible Verse

“And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.” Acts 5:42



Lord's Supper Reflection

To Give Marriage Its Deepest Meaning

"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church." Ephesians 5:25-32

Offering Meditation

God has always expected us to give back a portion of which He gives us.

"And it shall be, when you come into the land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance, and you possess it and dwell in it, that you shall take some of the first of all the produce of the ground, which you shall bring from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and put it in a basket and go to the place where the LORD your God chooses to make His name abide..." Deuteronomy 26:1



Remember in Prayer:

- *Our Country & leaders
- *Bible Studies currently being had
- *Phyllis Caldwell - encouragement
- *Rena Morgan - Shut in, health
- *Ernst & Helen Sherrill (Bro/Sis in Christ from TN) - shut ins with ongoing health issues
- *Larry Bey - dealing with Parkinson's
- *Maxine Jones (Laura McGiffin's mom) - dementia and health issues
- *Debby Braefield (Alena Brown's Aunt) - health
- *Terry McGiffin (John McGiffin's dad) - health & comfort, also keep Doreen in prayer
- *Luanne Listner (wife of Tim Bang's friend, Jim) - health
- *Orville Thompson (Jerry Thompson's dad) - waiting on some tests results
- *Lynn Thompson - health
- *Brandi Lewis (benevolent call received) - broken leg

- *Karen Oyler (Stephanie Bang's friend) - having chemo treatments, dealing with side effects and aches/pains
- *Christina Gillard (friend of the Ferris') - having surgery for a double mastectomy
- *Royce Seiber (Doug Seiber's brother) - recovering from surgery
- *Stan Wendt - recent visitor, moving to the area
- *Pamela Illinick - Stage 4 Kidney failure
- *Kecia Carney and Kacie Anderson (friends of Carla Patrick) - grieving the loss of their husband/father
- *Alexis Edge (Stephanie Bang's 2nd cousin) -15 yr old hospitalized for anorexia
- *Amanda Cummings (food basket family) - struggling financially and mentally/physically/health

How can we be praying for YOU?

Please call or email John (jmcgiffin.yayo@gmail.com) with any prayer requests or announcements you have for the congregation.



Attendance and Contribution Record

Sunday, November 19		Wednesday, November 22	
Bible Classes	26	Bible Classes	26
AM Attendance	32		
PM Attendance	49	Contribution	\$



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November 26, 2023

Worship Times:

- Sunday Morning Bible class: 9:30am
- Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30am
- Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00pm
- Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00pm

Minister, John McGiffin

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We are blessed that you have chosen to worship with us. If you are visiting, we would love to have you back with us again. Please take a moment to fill out a visitor's card and let us get to know you.