

*From Where I Sit . . .*

## **"FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY -- OCTOBER 26"**

The elders have set Sunday, October 26, as a special day at Broad Street to invite as many of our friends and family members as possible to a special day of worship with the congregation. We'll announce more later about the specific agenda, but mention has been made of special singing time prior to the worship hour, and a lunch together to get to know our visitors better.

Many of us are just looking for an opportunity to say something to someone about coming to services with us. Perhaps we're a bit bashful or fearful, but this date is set in such a way that we should all be excited to talk it up. Unless you have no friends and no family, you should be able to fill a good sized page with names of individuals you would like to ask to attend. If you have no friends, this is a good way to make some. What better way to introduce yourself to a neighbor or work associate.

Please mark that day on your calendar and determine to do everything in your power to stay in town and support this great effort. We should be able to see 500 in services that Sunday.

Many years ago I heard brother Batsell Barrett Baxter tell of a visit he made to a northern city where the Herald of Truth television program was being broadcast. He and the local minister went out to the houses around the building to meet the people and invite them to services and to watch the broadcast. Right next to the building they spoke with a man who said he had lived next door to that church building for many years (he told the number) and that this was the first time he had been personally invited to attend the services there. I'm sure the local preacher felt some embarrassment, but I'm also sure that many of us would be just as guilty.

Using the title of one of Wendell Winkler's sermons preached in a revival where I served as minister in Oklahoma many years ago, "Wake The Town, And Tell The People!" We simply must make people aware of the saving Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and let them know that this church is interested in their souls.

"Evangelize" is the watchword that we must use to move our people into action. It's time to start talking with our friends about studying the Bible. It's time to use our influence to cause others to want to talk to us about what has made such a difference in our lives. We've not practiced New Testament Christianity until we have practiced evangelism. Paul "kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have showed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house, (Acts 20:20).

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