

# KEEPING THE FAITH

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## Preaching the Good News, From Nahum?

When one hears the name, Nahum, one usually does not think about evangelism, especially to the people of Nineveh. However, all the prophets spoke about the Good News, whether it was for immediate attention, future fulfillment or both. In Nahum one can read about the explicit Gospel promises echoed in the New Testament: promises of good news and peace (Nahum 1:15), an end to the Lord's punishment because of rebellion (Nahum 1:12), an end to the power of the oppressors (Nahum 1:13), and that God is a stronghold and refuge for those in trouble.

Additionally, the excellencies of God are proclaimed in judgment (Nahum 1:2-7; Jeremiah 18:7-10), those who repent will be saved. Whenever there is a pronouncement of judgment one should understand that judgment is a means of grace to the hearer (Hebrews 4:11; 6:1-8). Truth is being proclaimed and that truth is a manifestation of God's saving grace.

There is also comfort in knowing that God is just and that just punishment is coming to those who oppress the righteous. At the conclusion, all will be made right because God is fair (Psalm 2; Luke 20:43; John 12:31; Colossians 2:14-15; Hebrews 10:13).

When Nineveh went too far in mistreating God's people, Jehovah promised to shame them publicly (Nahum 3:5-7), eventually, in the New Testament, the shame and pain of our sins were borne by God in the flesh (Psalm 2:27; Luke 23:37). If it were not for God's mercy and grace our fate would be the same as that of Nineveh. Instead, we now stand before God's presence blameless and with great joy (Jude 1:24)

The entirety of the Bible is about the grace of God ultimately revealed in Christ (Luke 24:27, 44; John 5:39, 46). The whole Bible is about the gospel (Romans 1:1-2; 1 Peter 1:10-12). This includes Nahum. Reading the minor prophet's message, we see judgment fall on the wicked, and the course that culminates in Jesus continues-a path that clarifies how any wicked person can be fully, completely and freely forgiven.

Simply put, evangelism is proclaiming the Gospel for a verdict. This is why evangelism is urgent, especially in the light of the end that is to come when the Lord returns. At the coming of the Lord, He will deal out "retribution to those who do not know God, and to those who did not obey the Gospel of our Lord Jesus." (2 Thessalonians 1:8-9)



"Keeping the faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith."

1 Timothy 1:19

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Lord's Supper: 11:30 a.m.  
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**Week 10** – "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." –  
*Jeremiah 29:11*



## Help Me Evangelize!

Every Christian I know has a desire to share the Good News with other people. They want to share the peace they have in knowing that God forgives (1 John 1:9), Jesus saves (Acts 4:12) and the Spirit guides us (John 16:13). Christians want their relatives, friends, and everyone else for that matter, to be saved (2 Peter 3:9).

The question is, "How do I accomplish this?" Do an internet search with: How to evangelize, and you will receive over 3.5 million results. With so many aids to evangelize one wonders why the church buildings are not jam-packed full! The reality is that there is no secret sauce, potion or man-made strategies that are more powerful than what God has given us.

The Lord's Sermon on the Mount is chock-full of advice on how to live, and that my friend is the most powerful way to evangelize. If people see the hope that is in you, if they see the happiness and peace that the Gospel provides for you and, if people see you overcome tragedies with a smile they will want what you have. (1 Peter 3:15; Philippians 4:7)

There are some tools, however, that can help you evangelize. Hueytown is blessed to have two

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preachers, several deacons and elders who are able and willing to teach your sphere of influence. Reach out and use these tools. Our weekly bulletin contains good teaching material, hand them out. The church's website is replete with audio recordings of great teachers from the present to the past. Find a sermon you think a friend needs and share the link. Our website has a "SHARE" button for every audio sermon. Ed's sermon outlines are usually uploaded to the website, as well.

We now can LIVE STREAM our services via Facebook and Youtube. Share those links with your friends. When you search Youtube with: Hueytown Church of Christ, our video archive page will come up. Each video has a "SHARE" button. Click on it and send to your friends or post it to your Facebook page.

Finally, LIKE our sermons! Yes, you read it right, LIKE our sermons. The more you click like on our Facebook and Youtube sermons the more these platforms will promote them.

Let's get busy with evangelizing.



## Family News

- **Don and Carol Horne** are home and making good progress in their recovery. Don is eating better and Carol is becoming more mobile.
- **Butch Bradley** has been sick for several weeks with the crud and now with some stomach issues plus he is still having trouble with his legs. He is still undergoing testing.
- **Brother Rodney Pitts** and his wife, **Patricia** are very grateful for all the prayers lifted up on their behalf. They are extremely sad yet encouraged that their children have received their crowns. Please take a moment to send them a card at the address provided. As of right now, there are no needs that have not been met already. They have a very strong network of support among the brethren there. (251 Kinniard Rd. Cookeville, TN 38501)
- **Linda Braswell** will had some good news about her great-granddaughters and visitation.
- **Matt Parker**: Rejoice! The blood of Christ has cleansed our brother Matt Parker. Matt made the good confession that Christ is the Son of God and was baptized for the remission of his sins. Welcome our brother Matt.
- **Linda Rogers** is still struggling with her health and figuring out what else needs to be done. Please pray for her peach of mind and healing.
- Please remember **Brother and Sister Elmore** in prayer. Yvonne's health is going down but Warren does have nursing and physical help, along with help from their children. In addition to prayer, cards are much appreciated. The address is: 3609 Virginia Drive, Hueytown, Al. 35023
- During our meeting, we had several first-time visitors. We are extremely thankful to God for allowing us this opportunity to reach into our community. Our evangelists will be very busy making connections with visitors. Please pray they will be successful in the teaching of the Gospel.

## Serving

**Deacon in the Back: Greg Hamrick**

**Song Leader: Kolby Taylor**  
**Opening prayer: Amos Rowe**

**Collection scripture:**  
**Exodus 35:21-22, 29**

**Serving at Table:**  
**Clint Armstrong - Jason Hicks**  
**Ken Nichols - Tommy Dennis**  
**Michael Key - Michael Kelley**

**Sermons: Ed Rangel (Lord's Supper)**  
**Benjamin Muñoz (God Initiated, I Reciprocated)**

**Opening prayer: Amos Rowe**  
**Prayer before class: Brody Gill**  
**Closing Prayer: Tucker Downey**