

# Announcements

## Sick

Jo Byrnes • Matt Cannon • Betty Cannon  
Sleatha Gore • Essielene Henderson • Faye Kilpatrick  
Avilene Smith • Sally Smith

## Area Gospel Meetings

- ◆ Pine Avenue congregation (Ocala) • Jamey Hinds, preaching • Monday – Friday 7:00 PM.
- ◆ Cherry Sink congregation (Trenton) • Lloyd Barker, preaching • Sunday – Friday 7:30 PM.
- ◆ Westside congregation (Newberry) • John Gentry, preaching • Sunday – Friday 7:30 PM.

## Out of Town

- ◆ Jamey & Cindy Hinds & girls — Ocala, Florida
- ◆ Ronnie & Bonnie Lord — Cullman, Alabama
- ◆ Jack & Prentice Spann — Canada

## Preaching in Brother Hinds' Place

Brother Buddy Johnson will be preaching in my place this morning; and his grandson-in-law, Jamie Lewis, from the Trenton congregation will be taking the pulpit tonight. *Thank you to both of you!* And God be praised for Buddy's wonderful improvement these last three months!

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Meeting at 211 NE 2nd Street in *beautiful* Chiefland, Florida  
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# THINGS ABOVE

“Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth”

—[ Colossians 3:1-2 ]—

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## Thoughts After the Gospel Meeting

*By Jamey Hinds*

I want to commend the entire week's lessons from John Zellner. I wish I could say there was one lesson better than another, but each lesson in and of itself was necessary and helpful. It's been may be four years since we had John here with us last; his spiritual growth was easily demonstrated and I hope it will inspire us. As the apostle Paul put it, “The good works of some are clearly evident” (1 Timothy 5:25).

John's lessons were recorded digitally and are available online. If you would rather have CDs, then please let brother Hinds know and he will make copies as quickly as possible. You may want to have a set made for a friend, or someone with whom you work, or someone in your family. Use brother Zellner's lessons as an evangelistic tool. And as we busy ourselves planting and watering God will bless us with an increase to His name's honor and glory (1 Corinthians 3:5–7).

I want to mention a few things that I noticed through the week. The congregation's efforts in advertising this gospel meeting in the Chiefland community is to be commended. We may not have seen all of the immediate results that we desired, but there is much success in our endeavor. As mentioned above, *God* gives the increase. This is a biblical concept. Growth is something we cannot *make* happen; we cannot *force* it to happen. We have the same job as the sower who went forth sowing seed everywhere (cf. Luke 8:4–8). "But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience" (Luke 8:15). And so we pray earnestly for "good ground" — people who are noble and honest; and who will bear much fruit for the Lord.

I also want to commend our singing and our song leaders. We had excellent attendance every night, including Wednesday night. We had visitors every single night! Some came from other congregations, and some came from the community. I appreciate so much those of you who brought along friends.

We had a positive atmosphere in which to worship, and I sincerely believe God was honored by our worship "in spirit and truth" (John 4:23–24).

May God be praised by our continued efforts. The momentum we have discovered this last week I pray we will take advantage of and do our utmost to *continue* sharing the Gospel in our community here with fervor.

"Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love" (Ephesians 4:15–16).

