

# THE FOREST HILL NEWS



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## **"GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES" (Part 1)**

Robert R. Taylor, Jr.

### **Go and Make Disciples Great Commission Style**

Matthew wrote, in the KJV which is used for this study,

All power is given to me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always: even unto the end of the world. Amen (Matt.28:18-20).

The KJV margin and ASV have "make disciples" which formed the title of this study. For "in the name" I prefer "the name" for there is a transition that occurs. Mark states,

Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth not shall be damned (Mark 16:15).

Above we have "go and preach." Luke states in two different chapters:

...witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Luke 24:47; Acts 1:8).

Luke inculcates both the going and the proclamation of truth. From the foregoing passages it is obligatory that we go and that we teach and preach or make disciples.

### **Go and Make Disciples By Public Preaching and Teaching**

The Sermon on the Mount was public preaching and teaching (Matt. 5-7). So were the parables about the coming kingdom in such passages as Matthew 13; Mark 4 and Luke 8. So were His lessons in Jewish synagogues, the temple and in wide open places where large assemblies heard Him preach the gospel of the coming kingdom. Peter preached/taught publicly in Acts 2, 3, 4, 8, 10 and 15. Philip preached/taught publicly in Acts 8. Paul preached/taught publicly at Damascus, Jerusalem, Antioch, on his missionary journeys and while imprisoned in Caesarea and far-off Rome. Campbell, Scott, Smith, McGarvey, Laramore, Hardeman, Freed, Brewer, the Wallaces, Woods, Warren, etc., were all great pulpites and moved untold thousands to obey the gospel and become steadfast saints in God's service. Pulpits and Bible classes are proven ways to make disciples. The week this is written in September 2008, I presented a lesson on "What is the Bible?" At the end a young man expressed a desire to be baptized and he is now a Christian having put the Lord on in the waters of baptism. During August and September 2008, in our jail ministry at Ripley, we have had eight baptisms. God's Word is powerful; it will not return to Him void (Isa. 55:11).

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### **Go and Make Disciples**

#### **By Private Preaching and Teaching**

This proven method has been used since New Testament times. Jesus did this in a moving effort to convert Nicodemus to His cause in John 3. He was very successful with the woman at Jacob's well in John 4. She became an instant soul winner herself to show her gratitude to the Jewish Stranger that converted her. She led multitudes to His side. He taught in the home of Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38-42). Paul combined public and private preaching. He preached to a Philippian family (Acts 16: 31ff). Paul told the summoned Ephesian elders how he had taught "publicly and from house to house" (Acts 20:20).

Private preaching and teaching in order to make disciples has been called "personal work," "home Bible Studies," "cottage studies," "one-on-one studies," et cetera. Advantages of such are many. A student may stop the study at any moment and ask questions that bother him or to elicit further information about matters not yet clear to him. When studies are completed there can be personal appeals made for prompt gospel obedience. Many a home Bible study has resulted in baptisms the same hour of the night as occurred in Philippi (Acts 16:33).

### **Go and Make Disciples**

#### **By Radio Preaching and Teaching**

I preached my first radio sermon in Lansing, Michigan, in the spring of 1956. It was a thirty-minute sermon. Since then I have preached well over 6,000 radio sermons. More than 5,000 of these have been preached on WTRB in Ripley, Tennessee. From 1974-1986, I prepared extended sermons and detailed outlines for V. E. Howard and The International Gospel Hour. At his invitation I preached on occasion for this great program. In 1989, I was in a gospel meeting in Dayton, Ohio, and heard one of my radio sermons on Sunday night from WSM in Nashville, Tennessee. Frequently, brother Howard would tell me that "radio preaching is seed sowing." That is my concept also. Local radio preaching keeps the church and gospel fundamentals constantly before the public. By radio we can go into homes, cars and business places otherwise not available to us. National and international radio preaching can introduce churches of Christ into places where we have no local churches and to people who have never heard the plea for the old paths in religion (Jer. 6:16).

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#### **By TV Preaching and Teaching**

TV adds another dynamic dimension to radio preaching affording both seeing and hearing the messenger and his message respectively. I first appeared on TV in 1968 and have appeared numerous times since and especially on question and answer type programs. Questions sent in by viewers are given Bible answers and such programming can be very successful both in evangelism and edification. TV preaching and teaching, like radio messages, are seed sowing. Sow the seed and the Lord will provide for the harvest. We plant, others water but God gives the increase (1 Cor.

3:6). We have many fine TV programs like "A Bible Answer" in West Tennessee and surrounding states and the vast offerings of GBN.

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#### **By the Internet**

This is one of the most recent mediums opened to us for gospel proclamation. Tom Bright and OABS (Online Academy of Biblical Studies) of the Philips Street congregation in Dyersburg, Tennessee, have been pioneering leaders in the exciting work of gospel extension. There are two semesters (eighteen weeks in each one) each year. Fundamental Bible topics of wide variety are available for internet students throughout the world. Since its beginning I have taught the course, "An Introduction to the Old testament and the New Testament." this runs from August to December. This is my ninth year with the School. Many others teach. We do not draw a salary, only traveling and operational expenses. It is strictly a "labor of love." Tom Bright is Director and some 14 of us teach. Our internet students can interact with the teachers as the lessons are being given and ask questions or make comments. Questions can be answered right on the spot.

By means of the internet, gospel meetings, lectureships, seminars, open forums, can go around the world touching lives one might never reach any other way. The internet has advantages radio and TV do not. The internet has evangelistic and edifying possibilities and potential beyond our wildest comprehension.

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#### **By Publications and Tracts**

The Old testament was a written document with about 32 penmen employed. Even God wrote the Decalogue with his own fingers (Ex. 31:18). The New Testament was a written document with eight penmen-Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul, Peter, James and Jude. Post apostolic documents appeared being penned by the patristic or so-called church fathers. Error can be found in their writings but also many reliable truths are inculcated as well.

Apostasy developed with Roman Catholic writers majoring in penning poisonous propaganda. They knew the power of the pen in the pernicious spread of Catholic heresy.

Then came the Reformation Movement in European countries. They majored in reformers like Luther and Calvin who wrote voluminously during the 1500's.

Then came the highly heralded Restoration Movement. Men of this movement such as Stone, Campbell and Scott, knew the unlimited power of the pen in penetrating human hearts. Their writings went where their voices and presence had never gone. The pen is far more powerful than the sword.

We have publications that are weekly (church bulletins) monthly works, and quarterly writings. All the foregoing are designed to help the church in its evangelistic, edifying, and benevolent outreach.

(from *To Seek and To Save*, 2009 MSOP Lectureship)

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**NORTH SIDE GREETERS**

Greg and Christa Mangrum (Front)  
Robert and Sue Moore (Side)

# May 2009

**SOUTH SIDE GREETERS**

(Front) Jim and Sherry Brown  
(Side) Bill and Kelley Nance

Coordinating Elder: Keith McAlister

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<i>1 David Barnes Jonathan Hanel JR SR Banquet</i>	<i>2 Jan Kuehn</i>
<i>3 Mildred Barfoot</i>	<i>4 Hannah Daniele</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6 Dennis Woods Joi Scrimager Dylan Cooper Don Grisham</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9 Gordon Wells</i>
<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13 Tyler Gilreath</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>17 Friends &amp; Family Day</i>	<i>18 Ashley Garner Nikki Gilreath</i>	<i>19 Olivia Owens</i>	<i>20 Oakley White Claudia Wells</i>	<i>21 Robbie Cantrell Timothy Howard</i>	<i>22 Emily Moore</i>	<i>23 Molly Stacks Brandyn Graves Miranda Grider Connor Mangrum Vadeen Stanfill</i>
<i>24 Madeleine Maund</i>	<i>25 Marilyn Crowe</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30 Andy Ling</i>
<i>31 George Callahan</i>						

**\*\*Birthdays are in Italics**

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