



Times of Worship

- Sunday Bible Classes:** 9am
- Sunday AM Worship:** 10am
- Sunday PM Worship:** 5pm
- Wednesday Bible Study:** 7pm

Join us Online

Church Website:

<https://www.westfayettechurchofchrist.com/>

YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGckN8D9NwwX3KUbQ4GRKyA>

Interested in a Bible Study?

Please send an email to patcawthon@gmail.com

Evangelist

Patrick Cawthon

A Successful Gospel Meeting

How do you define a successful gospel meeting? By how many visitors who came to listen to God’s word? How about the attendance of the members who held the gospel meeting? If one or more people decide to put on Christ through baptism because of the lesson(s) preached, does that define a gospel meeting’s success? I think you could make an argument for several of these answers but I am going to define a gospel meeting’s success differently than these common answers.

I believe the success of a gospel meeting can’t be truly measured during the gospel meeting. We were blessed with several visitors from other congregations who supported our meeting (may we do the same for them). We were blessed to hear God's word preached with great points of application. Jason did a good job of staying true to God's word while not adding too or taking away from. All of these things lay a good foundation of having a successful gospel meeting. Now it is up to you and me to make this past week successful.

Before Jesus preached what we call “The Sermon on the Mount,” he saw “crowds” coming to Him. He decided to proceed up a mountain and give a discourse on

New Songs

- ✦ The Apples In A Seed
- ✦ Father, Help Us Raise Our Children

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

- ✦ Ron Lanning (10/5)
- ✦ Marianne Lanning (10/8)
- ✦ Carswells' Anniversary (10/10)
- ✦ Tanner McCoy (10/10)

Calendar Items

Women's Bible Study at the building on Tuesdays at 11am

Men's Meeting this afternoon at 4pm

Singing Class every 2nd Sunday starting at 4pm at the building

Today's Lessons

- ✦ Example of Cornelius
- ✦ Samuel's Final Address

Midweek Bible Study

- ✦ Luke 1:39ff

what a kingdom citizen acts like. This sermon is largely considered to be the best sermon ever preached. So was Jesus' one-night gospel meeting a success?

In view of how many people heard the message, you would have to say it was a great success. However, just because there were a lot of people there to hear the message did not mean Jesus considered it to be a success.

At the end of the sermon Jesus puts everyone who listened to the sermon in one of two categories - the fools and the wise (**Mat 7:24-27**). Both the foolish people and the wise people among them took the day off to come hear Jesus preach God's message to them. Both groups heard Jesus proclaim the word of God to them. The difference between these two groups is if they acted on what was preached.

We were very well fed from God's word this past week by our brother Jason Hardin. The success of this gospel meeting depends on whether we are going to act on what God has told us to do or not. We have the great blessing of going to our website and listening to these sermons again as a reminder. If we don't act on these lessons, this gospel meeting can not be labeled successful.

As Jesus describes the wise man and the foolish man at the end of His sermon, He gives us great motivation to be like the wise man. The rain is going to come, the wind is going to blow, and the floods are going to rise up against us. The only way we will be able to withstand such forces trying to tear us down is if we act on God's word.

Has this gospel meeting been a great success? Only time will tell. The results are up to us the listeners.

Patrick