

# THE GREENWOOD BULLETIN

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## ***"A Special Week!"***

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This week has been set aside for our "fall gospel meeting". This is a special week for us here at Greenwood. We will be able to come together and study God's word six days in a row. We have a guest speaker in Jim Lee who is no stranger to us as we help support Jim in the work in Englewood, Ohio.

How will you manage this week? You still have to work or do your normal activities and have these special services on top of all those things you normally do. It is interesting that we sometimes forget that the folks back in the New Testament time also had things to do. Aquila and Priscilla had tents to make. Cornelius had a regiment to look after. The folks that we read about in the Holy Scriptures had work to do to support them – just like we do.

While they may not have had football practice, band practice, etc., they had activities in their lives that took time. We need to consider the fact that these folks had to make sacrifices of things of this world and of their time to serve the Lord also. Yet, they had to overcome physical persecutions that we do not have to overcome in our country at this time. I wonder how they would have responded to a week like we are going to be having this week.

This week is not only special for us; it is special for the community of Greenwood. We have invited thousands handing out handbills on two Saturdays as well as individually to our family and friends. The gospel of Jesus is going to be taught – we are going to study about Jesus and getting to know Him better – and we have invited thousands to join us! How are you as a member here going to handle this? Someone you invited may show up to a service and

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if you are not here I wonder what they will think?

Yes it is a special week for us. How will you manage? God will be interested in your answer shown by your actions this week!

**"Let you light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."**

Matthew 5:14

## **"The Window Through Which We Look"**

**A Selected Thought**

A young couple moved into a new neighborhood. The next morning while they are eating breakfast, the young woman saw her neighbor hanging the wash outside.

"That laundry is not very clean," she said. "She doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs better laundry soap."

Her husband looked on, but remained silent.

Every time her neighbor would hang her wash to dry, the young woman would make the same comments.

About one month later, the woman was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and said to her husband, "Look, she has learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her this."

The husband said, "I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows."

And so it is with life. What we see when watching others depends on the purity of the window which we look.

**"But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way."**

I Corinthians 12:31

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**"It is always safe to trust an unknown future to the known God and His will."**

**“Most men forget God all day, and ask Him to remember them at night.”**

**“Don’t just put in the day – put something into the day!”**

### **The Wrong Room**

**By David A. Sargent**

On June 6, 1981, Doug Whitt and his new bride, Sylvia, were escorted into their hotel’s fancy bridal suite in the wee hours of the morning. In the room they saw a sofa, chairs, and a table, but no bed. Then they discovered the sofa was a hide-a-bed, with a lumpy mattress and sagging springs.

After a fitful night’s sleep they woke up in the morning with sore backs. The new husband went to the hotel desk and gave the management a tongue-lashing.

“Did you open the door in the room?” asked the clerk.

Doug went back to the room. He opened the door they had thought was a closet. And there, complete with fruit baskets and chocolates, was a beautiful bedroom!

How often we miss out on life’s greatest blessings because we are looking in the “wrong room.” We often look for happiness and fulfillment in the world. But we’re looking in the wrong place!

The world offers many pleasures. Some are acceptable to God; some are not. A beautiful sunset, the majesty of mountains, brightly colored flowers, and inspiring music are great blessings to man. But some, such as the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, are sinful in God’s sight (I John 2:15-17).

The greatest blessings in life---things like peace, love, forgiveness, and hope---are not found in the world; they are found in Christ (Ephesians 1:3). And Jesus is the

door through which we must enter to receive these truly great and lasting blessings (John 10:7-9). Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by through Me.” (John 14:6).

Have you been looking in the wrong room? Enter through the Door of Life on God’s terms and you’ll find by God’s grace, the greatest blessings of all.