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UPCOMING SERMONS

SUNDAY AM

July 1	Basic Bible Facts
July 8	Living in this world
July 15	Living in this world
July 22	Harrison Morgan to speak
July 29	Chuck Northrop to speak

SUNDAY PM

July 1	Lessons from Miriam and Aaron (#374)
July 8	Lessons from Ananias & Sapphira (#375)
July 15	Foolish and unlearned questions (#376)

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Sundays: 11 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 6 p.m.

Services:

Sunday

Bible Classes: 10 a.m.

Worship Assembly: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes: 7 p.m.

July 1, 2012

To our visitors, we want you to know that we are honored by your being with us today. We welcome any questions you may have. All materials that you see are free of charge and if there is any other information you would like, we will be happy to provide it.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Pardon, Pete Darling, Rusty Darling, Phyllis Darling, Raymond Heinz, Teresa Heinz, James Bush, Carolyn Jensen, Margaret Coats, Doug McArthur, Jean Reeder, Cheryll Akers, Kathy Briggs, Betty Jo's aunt, Erin's father, Robert Vanalstine, Jo Matheny, Jimmy Mortimore, John Mortimore, Jim Loper, Jewel Warfield, Bill Arnold, Marilyn Smith, Tyler's friend Allee (Military)

READING OF SCRIPTURE:

AM: Jas. 1:13-16 **PM:** Acts 2:29-32

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

July 15 – Potluck and men's business meeting
July 22 – Singing at 5 p.m.
July 22 – Harrison Morgan to speak
July 29 – Chuck Northrop to speak
July 30 – Aug. 4 – Booth at Ingham County Fair

THE LABORERS ARE FEW

Charles Coats

.04%

This past Friday night, Rusty Stark from Benton Harbor brought us two excellent lessons based on Matt. 9:37,38 using the theme of the "The harvest is plenteous". In one of his lessons, he made a comparison to the number of Christians in this world in comparison to the number of people in this world. While it is difficult to know exactly how many members of the church there are, the general estimate has been around 3,000,000. Keeping this number in mind, let us consider the laborers are few.

1. The percentage at the head of this article, if I figured it correctly, represents the number of Christians there are compared to the world's population. Obviously, we are outnumbered by a very large percentage.
2. Think about this. When we look around us and see the number of unfaithful members of the church, the percentage of available laborers drops even more. So, the .04% is a little high.
3. When we consider that those who do attend services regularly and perhaps also are actively involved in several things in the church often are not involved in trying to win souls to Christ, our percentage of laborers gets even smaller.

The task that we have to spread the gospel into the whole world is a monumental task, but not an impossible one. While we are small in number, we are powerful because we have the most powerful "weapon" ever produced – the word of God (Rom. 1:16). It has the power to melt the hardest of hearts and offer hope to the distraught. While many will reject it, the word of God is not a weapon of destruction. It is the means to salvation (1 Pet. 1:23-25).

Knowing this, how can we not offer this word to everyone around us? How can we not be a laborer for the Lord?

Recently, I saw an ad from a congregation looking for someone to come and work with them in reaching out to their community. What I appreciated about this ad was the emphasis placed on they were not looking for a preacher to come in and do their work for them. I can only believe that they understand what all of us should understand, it is the task of EVERY Christian to be a laborer. What are you doing to reach the lost souls in this world?