

Evangelism in the U. S. Virgin Islands

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Greetings to you, my brethren in Jesus Christ,

Summertime is here! Of course, that means kids go to summer camp and summer school (when necessary), families travel on vacation, and work schedules change as employees "cover" for their coworkers who are vacationing. All these things affect the church's attendance figures as well as private Bible studies – sometimes positively and sometimes negatively.

Summer Gospel Meeting – July 15-20

Our second gospel meeting of the year will be here soon. We have invited Perry Hall of Winston-Salem, North Carolina to preach another meeting with us. The church enjoyed his preaching last year and wanted him to be with us again this year.

The theme for the week will be *Marriage & Parenting the Godly Way*. Proposed sermons are:

Sun. 9 AM Preparing for and Maturing a Marriage - Preparing to Prepare

Sun 10 AM Preparing for and Maturing a Marriage - Spiritually (1)

Sun 6 PM Preparing for and Maturing a Marriage - Spiritually (2)

Monday Preparing for and Maturing a Marriage - Emotionally

Tuesday Preparing for and Maturing a Marriage - Financially

Wednesday Mary: A Good Example of a Godly Parent (1)

Thursday Mary: A Good Example of a Godly Parent (2)

Friday

Mary: A Good Example of a Godly Parent (3)

I expect that we will again do what we did in April when our brother David Smitherman was preaching our Spring meeting. We invited anyone with questions about the lessons to ask them of brother David. This Question & Answer Session followed the closing prayer each assembly. I believe most of the congregation (excluding one or two visitors!) was satisfied that brother Smitherman gave biblical answers.

Bible Classes

Our Wednesday night class is about to complete our study of Wayne Fancher's little book Shields and Swords for the Spiritual Defense of Christians. This is a compilation of ten scriptures per subject for 55 different spiritual issues by which Satan assaults and sometimes overwhelms saints. Wayne planned this book as a tool for individual memorization and daily defense as we fight against the wiles of the Devil. We have found that it also serves well as a class study book.

Our Sunday morning class is in the midst of a workbook by David Banning: Raising Kids Who Have a Heart for God. We have progressed about a third of the way through the book. I think it is a good tool for our class discussion of the subject and for the parents among us to reassess their efforts to share with their kids their own love for God.

As always I covet your prayers that the St. Croix church will continue to grow in spiritual strength and number and that we will find those souls to teach who desire to follow Jesus.

In Christ,

Michael Hurst