

### THE STRATEGIES OF TACTICS

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Ed Stetzer and Mike Dodson (co-authors) wrote in their denominational book, *Comeback Churches*, that the tactics involved are praying individuals, bringing individuals, and telling individuals. A realistic examination of these three distinctive groups, concludes that they are interconnected, inter-active, and inter-dependent. Each is closely related to the others. Therefore, it appears that these specific efforts can be separated or combined.

Recently, I heard something very similar--a recollection of a delivered lecture. Similar, but different, terms were used--bringers (inviters), teachers, and keepers (encouragers). All of these are very consequential towards the collective (and individual) goal. **Luke 19:10** *And Jesus said to him, "...for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."*

We have tactical opportunities: bring friends, neighbors, and acquaintances to special planned events (Gospel Meetings, VBS, Bible Camp, etc.) and those that are regular (Bible Studies & Worship). If the objective is good (it is!) and the methods are not the employment of gimmicks, then the outcome should be favorable. **1 Corinthians 9:19-22** *For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more; 20 and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law; 21 to those who are without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those who are without law; 22 to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.*

That's a tactic. Make friends with those who: work the same kinds of jobs; live in the same part of town; have children in the same schools. It's

gaining their confidence and then telling them God's story. It's an effort to ensure that prayers are not merely said prayers, but prayed prayers. If the apostles words are true (they are indeed very true) then we can reasonably conclude that God's tactic will work (if we will work God's tactic) **Romans 10:13-15a** *For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." 14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent?....*

The old familiar text is a telling of that objective truth. That's the precise principal employed by God when He sent His only Begotten Son. **John 3:16** *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.* God expressed His love for the lost (all of us) by sending us the inviter--His only Begotten Son. Jesus taught us His message and solicited change in our lives--repentance and obedience. **John 14:15-17** *"If you love Me, keep My commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever-- 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.* The "another Helper" has come and continues on with us, *it dwells with you and will be in you.* The encourager (keeper)

We are to be employed as an element of the tactic toward the strategic end. Seeking is the tactic--saving is the strategy--Christ is the solution. If it's all employed, as God would have it employed, it will prove effective--always.

*Patrick D. Andrews*

*His own people, eager to do what is good – Titus 2:14*

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Pam Babb, Carolyn Bukowich, Joyce Clarkson, Ed and Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Glen Crumbliss, Eli Dodson, Joe Freund, Tim Hayes, Wilma Hill, Cheryl Neilans, Edith Toney, Bobbie Tuggle, Ruth Ann Wilson.

**Every "One" Counts:** Remember when you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need, often a local family. Last week we helped a family who is raising a grandchild who has been diagnosed with leukemia. If you know someone who needs immediate help, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.



We are delivering **Meals-on-Wheels** through Friday. Check the bulletin board or with Miles Wolgamott if you can assist with this one day this week. Thanks to all who have already helped to serve the community and share your Christian love.



Remember to turn in **questions** from John 17-21 and Acts 1-15 by tomorrow night for our Q & A lesson this Sunday.

**Men's BBQ night** is this Thursday. Meet in the parking lot at 6:00 to go to Big R's BBQ for food and fellowship.



Camp: It's getting closer! Our week at **Green Valley Bible Camp** is June 9-15! Registration is due in two weeks. Register at [greenvalleybiblecamp.com](http://greenvalleybiblecamp.com) by June 2. You can invite a friend to go for free through the generous donations of our Christian families. See Danny to get the application for "Friends Go Free."



## This Sunday's Sermons:



AM: Danny Boggs

P.M: Q & A: *John 17-21, Acts 1-15*  
Danny Boggs

Workday for **Green Valley Bible Camp** is this Saturday, See their Facebook page for more details.

The **Sojourners** have returned this year to help with some items at Neosho Christian School. We are glad to have them here with us and enjoy renewing the friendships. We are grateful for their service.

Caleb Boggs will be joining us this Sunday. He will officially begin on Tuesday, May 28. We look forward to his return as he begins his work with this congregation.

There will be a wedding shower this Sunday at 4:15 in the activities center for **Caleb Boggs and Bethany Bertram**. The couple is registered at Target.



Get your **VBS shirts** now! As you are wearing it you can tell people what the "WOW" means and invite them to VBS. If you would like to help with the cost, \$5.00 is suggested. Whitney Thomlinson will be in the foyer to assist you in getting the right size.

June 1 at 5:30 at the Seneca High School Commons, a live auction, silent auction, dinner and fireworks will be held as a fundraiser for the **Dodson** family. If you would like to donate items for the auction, contact Tammi and Cindy Waugh at (417) 456-9906.

**Singing in the Park** is June 2. Make plans to join us for this annual event. You will want to bring lawn chairs and either chips, sides, desserts, or homemade ice cream. The hot dogs, hamburgers, and all drinks will be provided.

**Vacation Bible School** is July 21-24. Many are already inviting others to come and preparing for a great week. Plan to attend, to invite others, and to pray for a successful week of sharing the miracles of Jesus.

**First Aid Kits** are now located in the office, activities center, bus, and van.

**Ladies:** Mark your calendars for October 26. "Pure on Purpose" is the theme for our day with Cindy and Hannah Colley.

The elders gratefully acknowledge the receipt of a check from the estate of **Wilma Knoll** for \$11,400. Wilma loved the Lord and His church! She was actively doing His work until the end. And like Abel of old - she being "dead yet speaketh."

### PRAYER LEADERS

#### Sunday, May 26

- AM Opening: Sam Collinsworth
- AM Closing: Wayne Douthitt
- PM Opening: Mike Kidwell
- PM Closing: Tony Flint

#### Wednesday, May 29

- Opening: Todd Murray
- Closing: Danny Boggs

### RECORDS

	05-19-19	05-20-18
Bible Study	136	133
AM Worship	180	180
PM Worship	138	119
Wednesday	122	116
Contribution	\$7,800.52	\$7,941.25
Budget	\$7,717.37	\$7,630.58