

## **JIM VAN GELDEREN REVIVAL MEETING E-PACKET**

(Spring 2016, 2nd Edition)

Dear Pastor,

We are looking forward to being with you. Below are a few things that might help in preparation for the meeting. We are flexible, so if you would prefer to do something else, please let us know. I trust the Lord will give us a wonderful week.

Jim Van Gelderen

PS Could you please let me know if you have received this?

### **TEAM**

#### Van Gelderen Family

Evangelist Jim Van Gelderen and his wife, Rhonda, and one of their three daughters (Annaleese, 16) are planning to be at your church. Annaleese plays the violin. Rhonda and Annaleese can be involved in the special music and can also work with the children's program if desired.

#### Elisha Dedic, Jackie Baker

Elisha and Jackie travel with the Van Gelderens and assist with Annaleese's education, children's meetings, special music and other ministry aspects. Both young ladies are recent graduates of Baptist College of Ministry. Elisha plays the piano and Jackie plays the viola and violin. Elisha is a young lady and pronounces her name like "Alicia".

### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

#### Saturday

We will arrive on Saturday evening. Jim will e-mail you an approximate time of arrival. We will first need to set up the trailer and then organize Sunday with you.

#### Sunday

Sunday School - Jim will be glad to serve wherever you would like. If you would like to divide the men and teen young men and the women and teen young ladies, Rhonda would be happy to have a special session with the ladies and Jim with the men.

Morning Service - This can be conducted as you normally do. Jim Van Gelderen will plan on preaching the morning message unless he hears otherwise. The team can do special music if desired.

Evening Service – If you desire children's meetings, these can begin on Sunday night. Mrs. Van Gelderen, Annaleese, Jackie and/or Elisha will conduct these meetings. Usually this would be for ages 4 years old to the 4th grade. It is helpful if your nursery can include the 0-3 year olds. If you would like to stretch the children's meetings to 5<sup>th</sup> grade, that would be fine . You will best know if your 5<sup>th</sup> graders would get more from the children's meeting or the main service. The children can be dismissed on the last stanza of the last congregational number, right before the special music. If our team is doing the special, please have a church member be with the children until our team can get there.

### Weekly service Times

The evening could start at 7:00 PM or 7:30 PM (your decision) and conclude at 8:20 PM or 8:50 PM respectively.

### Team Prayer

Each week day the team will plan on meeting for prayer. We will plan on at least 20-30 minutes and will plan on praying as the Lord leads. We would love to have those on church staff who can meet with us to do so. We usually will plan on meeting right before or after lunch. We could meet at another time if that is better for you (and any staff members) so please let us know.

### Saturday (unless it is a previously arranged shorter meeting)

Most likely we will leave sometime in the morning. The exact time will be determined during the week we are with you.

## **EVENING SCHEDULE** (Monday through Friday)

7:00 or 7:30 PM

Service is scheduled to begin. The children can be dismissed on the last verse of the congregational if you choose to have children's meetings. Below is a typical schedule for an evening. This can be changed as you desire.

Congregational Song

Choir number (if applicable) or another congregational number

Announcements/Offering (The team is available to do the offertory if you'd like)

Book Table Presentation- Evangelist Jim Van Gelderen

Congregational Song - Choir goes down on the last verse and children are dismissed to go to their meeting.

Special Number (The team is available do this if you would like)

Message/Invitation

## **MUSIC**

### Choir

We would love for your church choir to sing whenever possible. Our team is counting on your normal choir director to lead the choir.

### Special Music

The team is prepared to do some or all of the special music if it is needed or desired. Elisha is our pianist. The team has vocal duets and trios, as well as string duets. The string players are accomplished and have something they can play in each service if it is desired. Our goal is to keep the song service moving quickly to give as much time for the preaching as possible but we desire it to be a Christ honoring time.

## **PROMOTION**

### Prayer

Cottage prayer meetings can be held in advance of the revival meeting. Some pastors have a Revival prayer meeting a ½ hour before each evening service (this is in addition to the staff/team prayer

meeting during the day). If there is a choir, we realize the choir members will not be able to be in this meeting. A room could be appointed for this prayer meeting.

We were recently in a church that had 60 days of prayer before the meeting (not done collectively). The people were anticipating the meeting, had great attendance, and the Spirit's power was very evident.

### Inviting

Encourage your people to invite folks to the meeting. It is important to emphasize the importance of a personal invitation. It is also very important to emphasize the necessity of dependence upon God to work in the hearts of those who are being invited. Ps. 127:1 say, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." Jesus said in John 15:5, "without me ye can do nothing."

### Announcements

Begin announcing the coming meeting in advance. Encourage your people to be there Sunday to help kick off the ministry of the week. Please also begin to encourage folks to be on time each night.

We would be open to you doing different promotional nights. Some examples are as follows:

Friend Night (This might be good for Sunday)

Sunday School Night (This is good for Monday. The goal would be to see which teacher could get the largest percentage of their Sunday crowd back for Monday night and even some extras.)

School Night (If you have a Christian school, you could try to get the parents of the young people to come as well as each student)

"Pack a Pew" Night (You can appoint about 12 different people or couples in the congregation and they can go throughout the church asking people to commit to counting for them on "Pack a Pew" night. They would then write down each name that commits.

Family Night (See which family can bring the most family or extended family members for this night)

### Newspaper, Radio

Either of these media in some communities can be used to get the word out. We have a team picture available at [www.jimvangelder.org](http://www.jimvangelder.org). A news release is included in this information.

### Posters

The team has had a poster prepared that is also available at [www.jimvangelder.org](http://www.jimvangelder.org). If you desire, you can have these printed and placed in places across your area and in your church.

## **ROOMS AND REFRESHMENTS**

### Children's Meeting Room

Please have a room available for children's meetings if you would like the team to conduct these meetings. Rhonda will need a flannel graph board as well as a white board with black, blue, and red pens.

### Refreshments for Children's Meetings

We like to give the children a snack to take with them at the end of each children's meeting (Sunday - Friday). It is best not to have drinks but rather just a wrapped candy item like a small candy bar, Reeses (one cup size), little package of gummy bears, etc. We also need some small candies (about 7 per child) to be given for learning verses, the disciple's names, the names of the 12 tribes, etc.

## **LODGING**

### Van Gelderen Family

Jim and his family will need a water and electric hookup for their 35' fifth wheel trailer. It is best to have the trailer parked in a place where it will not be hit by basketballs or playground balls. A sewer close is helpful, but not always necessary. If you do not have a place for an RV to dump sewage, please let us know so we can take care of the tank on the way to your church. If you do have a place for an RV to dump sewage, that would be helpful to know as well.

### Hoses

If the water source is more than a hundred feet from where you plan for the RV to be parked, please have extra hoses available.

### Elisha and Jackie's lodging

It would be great if someone in your church would like to volunteer to house the girls. If they could lodge with someone who is close to the church, that would also be a great help. Both the young ladies will be at the church during the day but then may want to go home in the later afternoon before returning for the evening service. We would ask that there are not older teenage guys or college age guys in the home, to avoid uncomfortable situations.

### Vehicle for Elisha and Jackie

If someone would like to volunteer a vehicle for the young ladies to use during the week, that would be helpful. Our truck is a stick shift and they do not drive stick.

## **TEAM ITEMS**

### Meals

Breakfast - It would be appreciated if anyone would like to volunteer to provide breakfast foods for the Van Gelderens for use in their trailer and for Elisha and Jackie at their host's home. The Van Gelderens prefer fruit and eggs.

Lunch –This is really our dinner meal as it is the main meal of the day. If anyone volunteers to provide a meal we would prefer if meals could be brought to the church. We would love it if the people providing the meal could eat with us, so that we can enjoy their fellowship. Since time is needed to finish home schooling, it is best for us not to leave the church location and go to a meal (except maybe once a week). If the people do not mind leaving the left- overs from this meal, we would love to snack on them for dinner (see below).

Dinner –.We like to keep this meal flexible since the team may eat this meal before or after the service depending on their individual schedules and appetites. Since this is the case, we don't usually have this be a meal we eat with anyone. We have found that the most convenient thing for this meal is to have some groceries available in the kitchen from which we can catch a little something. If someone wants to volunteer for these items, some things we have found that work well are block cheese and crackers, soup, yogurt, apples, red grapes, bananas, etc. We can also snack on any leftovers from the lunch meal. We don't need any extra desserts or chips for this meal since we usually have plenty at other times.

\*We are also willing to provide any meals needed.

### Rooms

If at all possible, Jim would like a room that he can set up as a study for the week. We will also need one large room for home schooling.

### Communication

Jim Van Gelderen's cell phone is 414-397-6990 and his e-mail address is [jim.vangelderren@gmail.com](mailto:jim.vangelderren@gmail.com).

### Finances

Jim and his family come on a faith basis. They funnel their offerings through their home church so that they can designate housing, trailer and travel expenses, etc. Please make the Van Gelderen family love offerings out to Falls Baptist Church.

Travel expenses available upon request.

If it is okay with you, we would like to have the Tuesday night offering be for the three musicians (Elisha, Jackie and Annaleese) and given to them individually. This will be for their help with the ministry this week.

### Display Table

We will be bringing with us some CD's and books that we hope can be a spiritual impact to your church people. If the pastor would like for us to have these available, we would need a table in the lobby when the team arrives.

## **PERSONNEL**

### Personal Workers

These workers need to be folks in your church who you feel confident could serve as personal workers. Please instruct them to be ready each night.

### Nursery Workers

Please organize nursery workers for each service of the campaign. The nursery should be available for children up through age 3. It is important that the nursery workers are qualified and courteous. This is an important part of the goal to get the lost under the sound of the gospel.

### Ushers

There will need to be ushers available to assist in seating, take offerings, and generally be available. Please instruct the ushers to be in the service so they do not miss the blessing of the meeting. We do understand that some personnel may have to be out to monitor parking lots for safety, etc.

## **FINAL WORD**

We are looking forward to the meetings and recognize that it is a spiritual battle. Please let us know if you have any questions. We do desire to see everything accomplished that the Lord has for us.