

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

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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, his wife Rhonda and one of their three daughters (Annaleese, 18) are planning to be at your church. Annaleese plays the violin and Rhonda and Jim sing. Rhonda, Annaleese and Rebekah can assist with special music and/or children's meetings if desired.

### **Rebekah Cook**

Rebekah is our pianist and also assists with Annaleese's schooling and children's meetings. She also plays the harp and can use that some for special music. However, we do not carry a harp with us because of its size. If you can find one she can use, she would be glad to do some specials on the harp.

## **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.

Evening Service – If you desire children's meetings, these can begin on Sunday night. Usually this would be for ages 4 years old to the 4th grade. The children will be dismissed right aft the final special music number.

### **Monday through Friday** (or earlier in some cases)

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. After the final special music, the children will need to be dismissed for their meeting if you choose to have children's meetings. Children's meetings will be conducted by Mrs. Van Gelderen, Rebekah and Annaleese. The children's meetings are for ages 4 up to 4th grade. The rest of the ages remain in the auditorium. It is helpful if your nursery can be from 0-3. If you would like to stretch the children's meetings to 5th grade, that would be fine. You will best know if your 5th graders would get more from the children's meeting or the main service.

### **Team Prayer**

Each week day the team will plan on meeting for prayer. We will plan on about 25-30 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** (or earlier in some cases)

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 right after the special number 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

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

Children are Dismissed

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 of the special music if it is needed or desired. Rebekah is an accomplished pianist. The team has vocal duets, piano or harp offertories and violin/piano offertories. 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**

As the Lord leads, organize prayer meetings in advance of the meeting. Some pastors have a Revival prayer meeting a ½ hour before each evening service. If there is a choir, we realize the choir members will not be able to be in this prayer meeting.

### **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 says, "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.

### **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.

## **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 75) 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 37' 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.

### **Rebekah's lodging**

It would be great if someone in your church would like to volunteer to house Rebekah. If they could lodge with someone who is close to the church, that would also be a great help. Rebekah 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 Rebekah**

If someone would like to volunteer a vehicle for Rebekah to use during the week, that would be helpful. Our truck is a stick shift and she does not drive stick. She also would feel more comfortable being at a home close where she does not need to get on the expressway.

## **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 Rebekah at her host's home.

**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 so that 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, celery, peanut butter 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 with the lunch meal.

\*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.vangelderens@gmail.com](mailto:jim.vangelderens@gmail.com).

### **Finances**

While on the road, Jim and his family receive their income from the love offerings that are taken. Since Jim is a staff evangelist for Falls Baptist Church, the Van Gelderens give their offerings to their home church who for tax purposes can then designate a portion towards housing, trailer expenses etc. Since the offering checks are made payable to Falls Baptist Church, your church does not need to turn in a 1099 form. Travel expenses are available on request.

If it is okay with you, we would like to have the Tuesday night offering be for the two musicians (Rebekah and Annaleese). 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.

**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.

**Help for Children's meeting**

The children's meetings will be for 4 years old to the 4th or 5th grade. The children will be dismissed after the final special music number. Rebekah and Annaleese will help assist Mrs. Van Gelderen so we should not need to take any church members out of your service.

**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.