

JIM VAN GELDEREN REVIVAL MEETING E-PACKET

(2021)

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

Evangelist Jim Van Gelderen and his wife Rhonda are planning to be at your church. If you would like and you have an accompanist, Jim and Rhonda can sing duets to supplement the special music that you have planned for the week. Rhonda also does a very exciting children's meeting if desired.

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 or Jim can have a combined men and ladies' session.

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 after 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, and she will need one worker to assist her in case children need to use the restroom etc. 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, Rhonda and I would love to have a prayer meeting with any of the church staff who can meet with us and any church members who would desire to as well. Later morning or early afternoon would be preferable, but we are open to any time.

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

Book Table Presentation- Evangelist Jim Van Gelderen

Congregational Song - Choir goes down on the last verse

Special Number

Children are Dismissed

Message/Invitation

MUSIC

Choir

We would love for your church choir to sing whenever possible.

Special Music

Jim and Rhonda can do duets if desired to supplement your special music for the Revival meeting. 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. We also have very exciting children's meetings that visiting children can be invited to.

Newspaper, Radio

Either of these media in some communities can be used to get the word out. We have pictures available at www.jimvangelderren.org.

ROOMS AND REFRESHMENTS

Children's Meeting Room

Please have a room available for children's meetings if you would like Mrs. Van Gelderen to conduct these meetings. Rhonda will need a flannel graph board as well as a whiteboard 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, little package of gummy bears, etc. We also need some small candies (about 125) to be given for learning verses, the disciple's names, the names of the 12 tribes, etc.

LODGING

Van Gelderen Family

Jim and Rhonda 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.

TEAM ITEMS

Meals

Breakfast—The Van Gelderens eat breakfast in their trailer.

Lunch –This is really our dinner meal as it is the main meal of the day. If anyone volunteers to provide a meal and brings it to the church, we would love if the people providing the meal could stay and eat with us, so we can enjoy their fellowship. If the people do not mind leaving the left-overs from this meal, we would love to snack on them for dinner (see below). If people would rather take us out, that would also be possible a couple times during the week. The doctor has been concerned about Dr. Jim's heart, so he is trying to be careful of cheese and an abundance of red meat (although he loves both). He is not hyper careful so please don't feel too limited.

Dinner –We like to keep this meal flexible since we may eat this meal before or after the service. 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 to bring something, we have found that any of the following work well: homemade or canned chili, green apples, berries (fresh or dried), celery, walnuts, and salad. We can also snack on any leftovers from the lunch meal.

*We are trying to cut down on desserts and chips (although we love them) so your hostesses don't need to provide these items. If they slip, we will enjoy them!

*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.

Communication

Jim Van Gelderen's cell phone is (414)397-6990 and his e-mail address is jim.vangelderens@gmail.com. Rhonda's is (414) 397-1427 and her e-mail address is rhonda.vangelderens@gmail.com.

Finances

While on the road, Jim and Rhonda 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 and vehicle expenses etc. They also use a portion towards a medical program. 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.

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 we arrive.

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.

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. Mrs. Van Gelderen will need one assistant to help her by being available for any disturbance or to take the children to the restroom as needed.

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.