

Essentials For A Successful Meeting

(Information And Promotional Materials)



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BACKGROUND

Barry Webb was born into an evangelist's family on November 20, 1959, near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. At age four he trusted Jesus Christ as Savior. At approximately age 12 he surrendered his life to the Lord, and at 14, he preached his first sermon. He traveled with the Hal Webb Evangelistic Team when he could while growing up, and learned much about evangelism "first hand". He was active in the ministries of his local fundamental church. He graduated from Christian school in 1977. That summer Barry worked with Theron Babcock's son Chris and another young man, again with the Hal Webb Team. In September, Barry began four years of training at Bob Jones University. He continued to travel with Chris Babcock and others, on weekends and during summers. After college, Chris and Barry decided to continue as a second generation evangelistic team. Barry was ordained in June of 1981, after graduation from BJU. On August 28, he married Cheryl Proper. She was a pastors' daughter from Pennsylvania, whom he met his first year at the University, and dated all four years. In September of 1981 these three formed Family Evangelistic Ministries Association. Chris married in 1983 and the two couples traveled together for six years until Chris Babcock died suddenly of a brain aneurysm on January 8, 1987. Barry and Cheryl have continued as The Barry Webb Evangelistic Ministries, Inc. They have two daughters. Bethany has graduated from BJU, is married, and is headed for the mission field. Rachel, is presently at BJU, When she is not in college, she travels with the team and participates in the ministry.

PREPARATION

1- The best preparation for revival is **PRAYER**. First, there should be personal prayer; for self, church, the backslider and indifferent, the lost. There should be prayer meetings; house prayer meetings, and prayer breakfasts, to seek the power of God upon a campaign. During the meeting, the team is available to pray with the Pastor at his convenience. Whatever the service, prayer is the key to its success!

2- **PRAYER LISTS** are a necessity. God wants us to pray for people by name as he lays them on our hearts.

3- There should be **VISITATION** before the campaign. Make a list of prospects. People make plans in advance, so they need an advance invitation. Give your members good information about the meetings: (special music, puppets, ventriloquism, chalk art, etc.) to help them invite others. **During the meetings, Barry will be happy to make visits with the Pastor, but would appreciate advance notice.**

4- The Pastor can prepare for the campaign by his **PREACHING**, showing the need for self-searching and confession, urging attendance from the beginning of the campaign.

5- You can not overemphasize the need for **EVERYONE** to attend **ALL** the meetings. Urge Christians to mark the dates on their calendars, to avoid conflicts. A week is a short time with much to be accomplished; revival is not sudden, but a step by step application of Gods' Word by the Holy Spirit to the Christians' heart.

6- **PERSONAL WORKERS** should be **trained** and **ready** before the campaign begins. It is not hard to learn a simple outline of verses and methods to lead someone to Christ. Make sure that you have decision cards available for the personal workers. Decisions should be **recorded**, and **followed up**.

ADVERTISING AND PUBLICITY

1- Order **POSTERS** and **FLYERS** in advance of the meetings. Give the printer ample time. Distribute these before the meetings to all the homes in the community. Let the area know that something is going on at your church.

2- A large **SIGN** or banner in front of the church announcing the meeting helps people know about the campaign. Folks who pass the church will see it; and those who come because of advertising will know it is the right place.

3- Sometimes **RADIO** announcements are available. Take advantage of radio community bulletin boards.

4- **NEWSPAPERS** provide good publicity. Almost all will print a picture and story about the coming campaign. We have provided a glossy photo and news release for this purpose. Paid ads are sometimes worth the money, but be sure to take advantage of any free advertising the paper will allow.

5- OTHER FUNDAMENTAL CHURCHES in the area should be invited to attend when it does not conflict with their services. If you have a local pastor's fellowship, let the other preachers know about the services and encourage their support and attendance.

6- THE VERY BEST PUBLICITY POSSIBLE is word of mouth from your own people! Encourage them to use their phones, visit, and be enthusiastic! Don't take "no" for an answer!

PROMOTIONS

The team does not sponsor its own promotions. We do not give away Bibles, tapes, books, etc. However, if a pastor wishes to use our recordings as promotions, we will be happy to sell them to the church at a reduced rate. Also, **THE CHALK DRAWINGS THAT BARRY DOES IN THE MEETINGS ARE AVAILABLE FOR USE AS PROMOTIONS.** We suggest that visitors be counted for the whole week. On the last night, the one who brought the most total visitors all week could have first choice; the second, second choice; and so on.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

1-We suggest a **COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL** on the **FIRST SUNDAY** morning. This allows the entire church to sample our ministry and encourages attendance. Often the entire Sunday School stays for the music and puppet program. Then Beginners and Primaries dismiss to classes. Juniors and above remain for the message.

2- Mrs. Webb can also teach **JUNIOR CHURCH** using songs, verses, Bible or Missionary stories, ventriloquism, puppets, and other things geared to the children.

3- During the meetings, Mrs. Webb conducts a nightly **CHILDRENS' BIBLE HOUR** for kids age **4 years-2nd grade**. This takes place during the sermon in the main service. It is not designed for baby-sitting but as a means of communicating the Bible to children on their level. Depending on group size and behavior, Mrs. Webb may need **someone to help keep the children in order each night**. Then, if Mrs. Webb does not need their help after all, they may return to the service. **If Rachel is along, this will not be necessary.**

4- God has blessed our ministry in **CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CHAPELS**. We use puppets, ventriloquism, and music, in addition to preaching. If you have a school or schools nearby, contact them early about chapels. If you have a Christian school, we will be glad to hold chapels for all ages.

5- CHRISTIAN SCHOOL REVIVALS- Some schools have us for a "spiritual emphasis week" or school revival. We hold chapels for each level of the school utilizing our specialties. Barry was raised in Christian schools, and has valuable insight into the spiritual needs of the students.

6- An effective **SEMINAR ON CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN MUSIC (CCM)** was compiled by Chris Babcock. It has been updated and continued by Barry. It is a helpful treatment of a "controversial" subject. We can present this at your request. The seminar takes 1&1/2 hours if done in one session, or it can be divided into three 30 minute sessions.

7- For those interested in starting a puppet ministry, a **SEMINAR ON PUPPETRY** is available. The hour long seminar is done on request, and is backed by over thirty years of experience in the field.

OTHER SPECIAL MEETINGS

1- CHRISTIAN CAMPS- The team works well in summer camps. We use all of our ministries in camp. We also carry an extensive file of skits for use at camp fun times. We would be glad to hold the evening services and also teach morning Bible classes. We try to spend time with the campers. We don't sit in our trailer all day and wait for the next meal or service.

2- FAMILY VBS- This replaces regular VBS and is a normal family revival service with puppets, chalk art, etc. A more informal version involving team competition is also available.

3-VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS- Our varied ministries suit us well for VBS. We adapt to most formats, but prefer a two hour morning or evening VBS for age 3 - 6th grade. It consists of the following basic schedule:

--A **45 minute opening rally** in the auditorium that we conduct, featuring choruses, puppets, ventriloquism, and an offering taken by the Pastor or VBS director.

--A **30 minute intermission** split into two 15 minute segments, your people conduct, in which 3 year - 2nd grade children alternate with 3rd - 6th grade children between refreshments and games or crafts.

--A 35 minute class with 4 year olds through 2nd grades meeting with Mrs. Webb for songs and etc., while 3rd through 6th grades meet with Mr. Webb for a Bible Quiz and message.

--A 10 minute closing rally for all ages in the auditorium to encourage the children to return the next day.

4- "SUMMER SPECTACULAR" TEEN PROGRAMS- We have developed a summer youth program with a team competition format. It is a nightly, 2&1/2 hour, week long activity consisting of games, refreshments, skits and Bible preaching. It has two purposes: (1) To win lost teens and add them to the church. (2) To challenge church teens through concentrated Bible preaching. **Here is a sample schedule:**

7:00-8:30- Games

8:30-8:45- Refreshments

8:45-9:00- Skits and Scores

9:00-9:30- Message and Invitation

MUSIC

1- We deliver a complete package of music in each service. **PLEASE DO NOT plan other specials.** Our equipment (puppet stage, chalk art board, etc.) covers most of the platform, so **a choir is often impractical**, but we will work with you. We provide **PRELUDES** for services by playing a tape from thirty minutes until five minutes before service. Mrs. Webb completes the prelude at the piano. We also provide the **OFFERTORIES**.

2- Because Mrs. Webb is in the children's service nightly, **WE NEED SOMEONE TO PLAY THE PIANO FOR INVITATIONS.** Barry usually leaves the pianist free to choose a song that goes with the message.

3- We need a **TUNED PIANO.** We want to do our best for God. If your piano is out of tune, or it has been more than six months since it was tuned, **PLEASE HAVE IT TUNED!** This is important! Thank you!

4- We do not provide a **SONG LEADER**, so yours should plan to lead the singing in the meetings. **However, since our philosophy is to fit the program to the message, we would like to choose the congregational songs.** We usually provide program cards with the order of service and song numbers for the Pastor, song leader, instrumentalists, or anyone else who needs one. **Mrs. Webb will be happy to play for the congregational singing**, unless you would rather have your regular pianist play.

SOUND SYSTEMS

We carry our own sound system with us. We recognize that some churches may have good systems, but are more at home with our own. We can supply a feed to your system for recording and piping to nursery, but we request that your auditorium speakers be turned off to reduce feedback. Please notify your sound engineer ahead of time. Thank you!

STANDARD PROGRAMS

1-For combined **SUNDAY SCHOOL** programs, we suggest you have an opening (song, prayer, offering) Then turn the remaining time over to us.

2- Here is a standard **EVENING PROGRAM**:

Congregational Song

Prayer and Welcome (Pastor)

Special Music

Puppets, Ventriloquism, or Chalk drawing

Announcements and Offering (Pastor)

Congregational Song (Dismiss ages 4 yrs.-2nd grade to Mrs. Webbs' class)

Special Music

Message

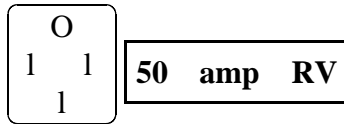
3- A standard **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE** program is the same as the evening service, but without the Puppets, Ventriloquism, and Chalk drawing segment.

ADDED MINISTRIES TABLE

We produce **music, puppet, and sermon recordings** of the team for sale in our meetings. The funds go to reorder and, produce new recordings, and help purchase equipment for our ministry. We make annual mission trips. We usually set up a **missions display** along with our recordings. It consists of **photo albums** of past trips, **artifacts**, and **flags** from various countries. We raise most of the support necessary for these trips by placing **a container on our table so folks can contribute to these efforts. If you have problems with or stipulations regarding availability of these materials, please tell us.** This is a ministry for the blessing of others and not for our profit. **May we have a table set up in the lobby for our displays?** An eight foot table is best, but we can do with less.

NEEDS OF THE TEAM

1- ACCOMMODATIONS- We bring our own lodging in the form of a 40 foot fifth wheel travel trailer. It has allowed us to keep our entire family on the road, gives us a measure of privacy, and reduces lodging costs. It is our **only** place of residence. **We need access to water and electricity.** We carry hoses for water hook up. (about 100 ft.) **We need 220v current.** We usually run a 100 ft., 6 gauge, 4 wire cable into a church **sub-panel**, install a 50-60 amp 220v breaker, and wire in. We carry breakers for most power panels. You may want to install a 50 or 60 amp 220v line with 6 gauge, 4 conductor wire outside the building. Terminate it in a 50 amp female plug. (figure below) We can plug into that.



Our sewage is self contained, but if the church has no sewage clean out, we usually let dish water run on the ground. **If you have a septic clean out or access, we would like to empty our holding tank at week's end.**

We would like to hook up to a telephone line for the week, if we may. It allows us to get our E-mail and make and receive calls. We use a phone card for any long distance calls we make, so that the church is not charged. Occasionally we can not get a local E-mail access number, but the calls to download E-mail only average about 30 seconds. We carry telephone cable with us so we can hook up either to the telephone access box or to a modular telephone jack.

We like to park as close as possible to the church. This facilitates practice, study, set up and take down, etc. May we also have a **church key** for ready access?

2- TRANSPORTATION- We will use our pickup truck. No other transportation is necessary.

3- MEALS- We provide our own meals in our fifth wheel home. This best fits our schedule of study, practice, and work. We would be happy to eat out on Sunday noon. Money for groceries can be provided, or the teams' expenses will cover it.

SERVICE TIMES

We suggest that the nightly services begin at 7:00. We have a full program of music and specialties besides the preaching. **Our services average from 1&1/2 to 1&3/4 hours long.** We can shorten that time, if necessary, but that usually means cutting back on music and puppets. We also realize that sometimes a later starting time is needed. We will work with you. Please work with us.

FINANCES

We live entirely by faith. The team travels without any other form of income. We go to any size church on a love offering basis only! Most churches try to do their best for the Lord by accumulating a love offering for the team. Your people will respond more readily to this giving if this is explained before the meetings.

CONCLUSION

These ideas have been proven successful. If you have questions or need more information, please write or call. Our desire is to be a help to the Pastor, a blessing to the church, and a means to win lost souls to Christ.

"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake" II Corinthians 4:5

Your Servants For Souls,
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NEWS RELEASE

The Webbs are a family evangelistic team based near Cumberland, Maryland. Barry is the son of a well-known evangelist, Dr. Hal Webb. Cheryl is the daughter of Pastor Clifford Proper, who pastors a Baptist church in Elmira, NY. They have two daughters, Bethany and Rachel who, when not in college, also travel with them. Together they make up a very unusual family evangelistic team.

The Webbs have a variety of talents. First, they are accomplished musicians. In their meetings they sing solos, duets, trios, and mixed quartets. Cheryl is an excellent pianist. Barry plays the Baritone and Flugabone horns. Barry is also a ventriloquist, and has had over thirty years experience in the field of puppetry. He does all of the voices for the twenty puppets that travel with the team in their puppet castle stage. Some nights Barry will draw a chalk art picture, complete with background music, a dramatized story, and colored and black lights. When they are not in college, Bethany and Rachel also work with puppets and ventriloquism in the children's Bible hour that Mrs. Webb conducts during the preaching time.

All of their talents work together to point to the most important facet of their ministry, the preaching of the Bible, God's Word. With all of these different ministries, there is surely something for everyone, young and old. The ministry of the Webbs will certainly bless and appeal to your whole family!

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