



Spring 2011 Gospel Meeting Report

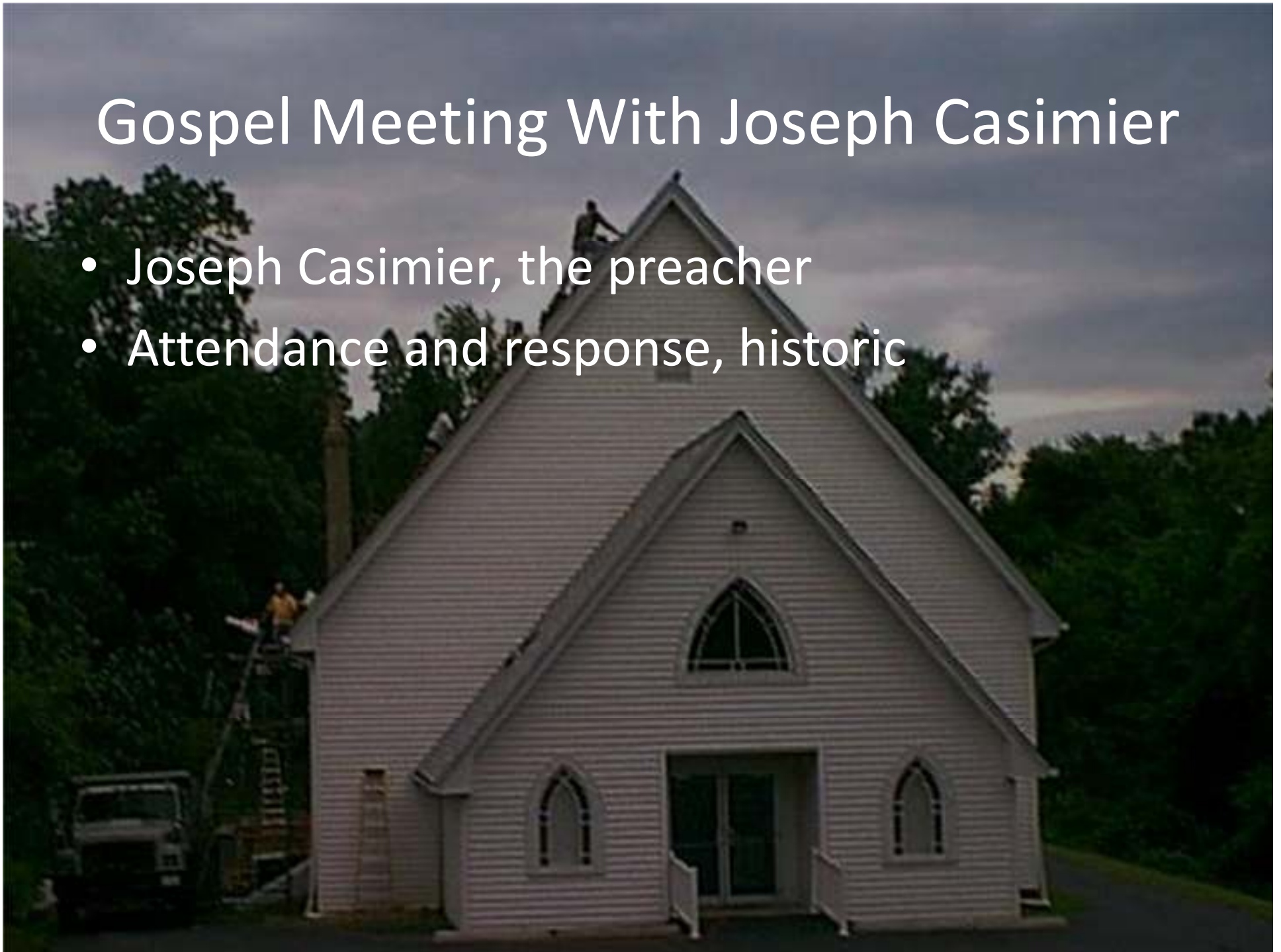
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- Our Gospel Meeting with Joseph Casimier
- The work done by the members here in support of the meeting
- The work done by members here unrelated to the meeting
- Opportunities presented to us resulting from the meeting
- How we will handle these opportunities in a scriptural manner



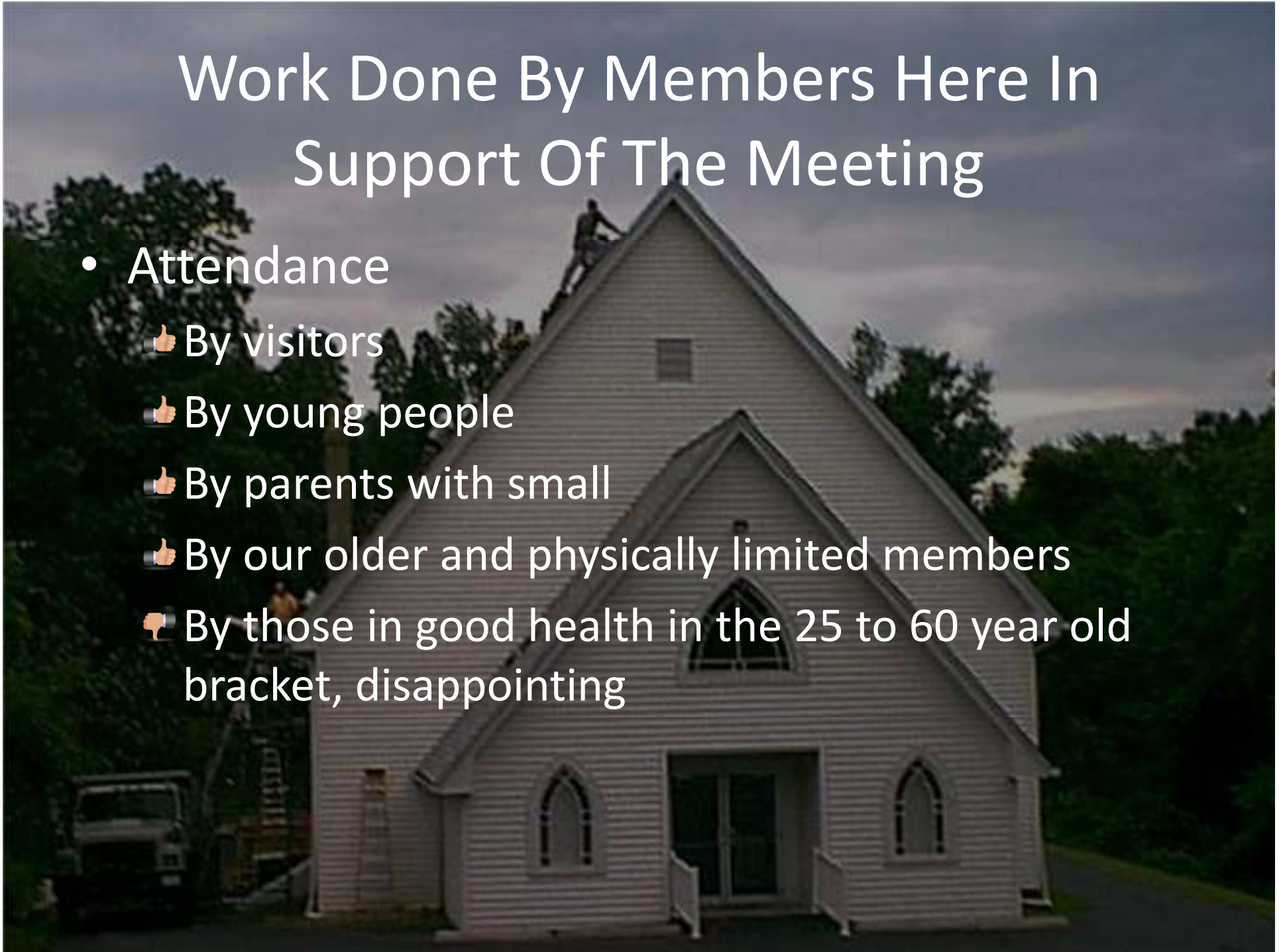
Gospel Meeting With Joseph Casimier

- Joseph Casimier, the preacher
- Attendance and response, historic



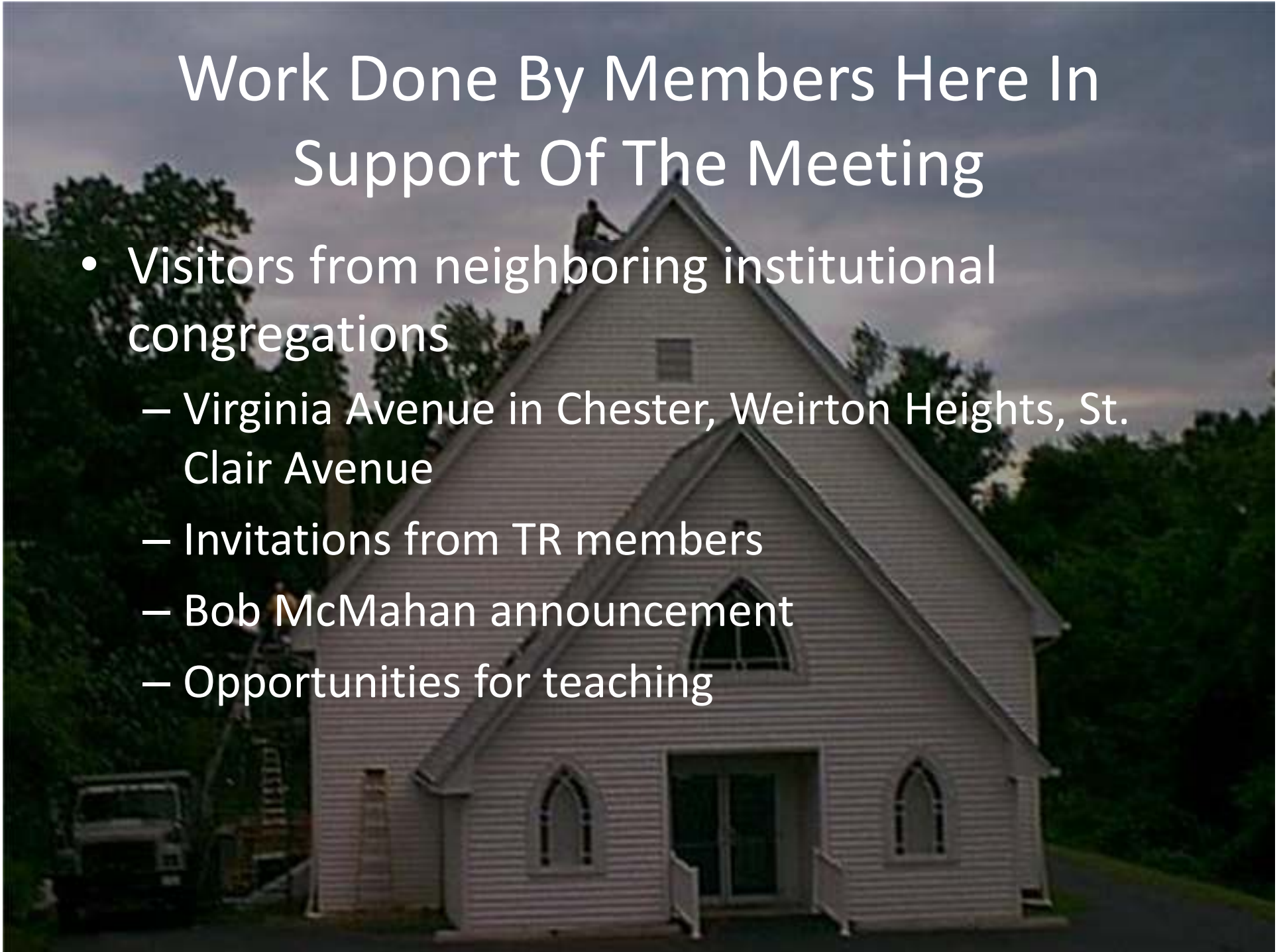
Work Done By Members Here In Support Of The Meeting

- Attendance
 - 👍 By visitors
 - 👍 By young people
 - 👍 By parents with small
 - 👍 By our older and physically limited members
 - 👎 By those in good health in the 25 to 60 year old bracket, disappointing



Work Done By Members Here In Support Of The Meeting

- Visitors from neighboring institutional congregations
 - Virginia Avenue in Chester, Weirton Heights, St. Clair Avenue
 - Invitations from TR members
 - Bob McMahan announcement
 - Opportunities for teaching



Work Done By Members Here In Support Of The Meeting

- Invitations
- Attitudes



Work Done By Members Here Unrelated To The Meeting

- Les Maydell report - That's how it's done!
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Work Done By Members Here Unrelated To The Meeting

- Les Maydell report - That's how it's done!
- The little girls singing
- Preparing Christian men and women for the future
- Unanticipated website uses
- Volunteers
- Preacher reports
- Young people



Opportunities Presented To Us Resulting From The Meeting

- We will handle these opportunities in a scriptural manner
- Avant gard congregations
- F. Lagard Smith - Radical Restoration
 - Being different for the sake of being different
 - Experimenting for its own sake
 - Being guided by emotion rather than truth and Bible authority

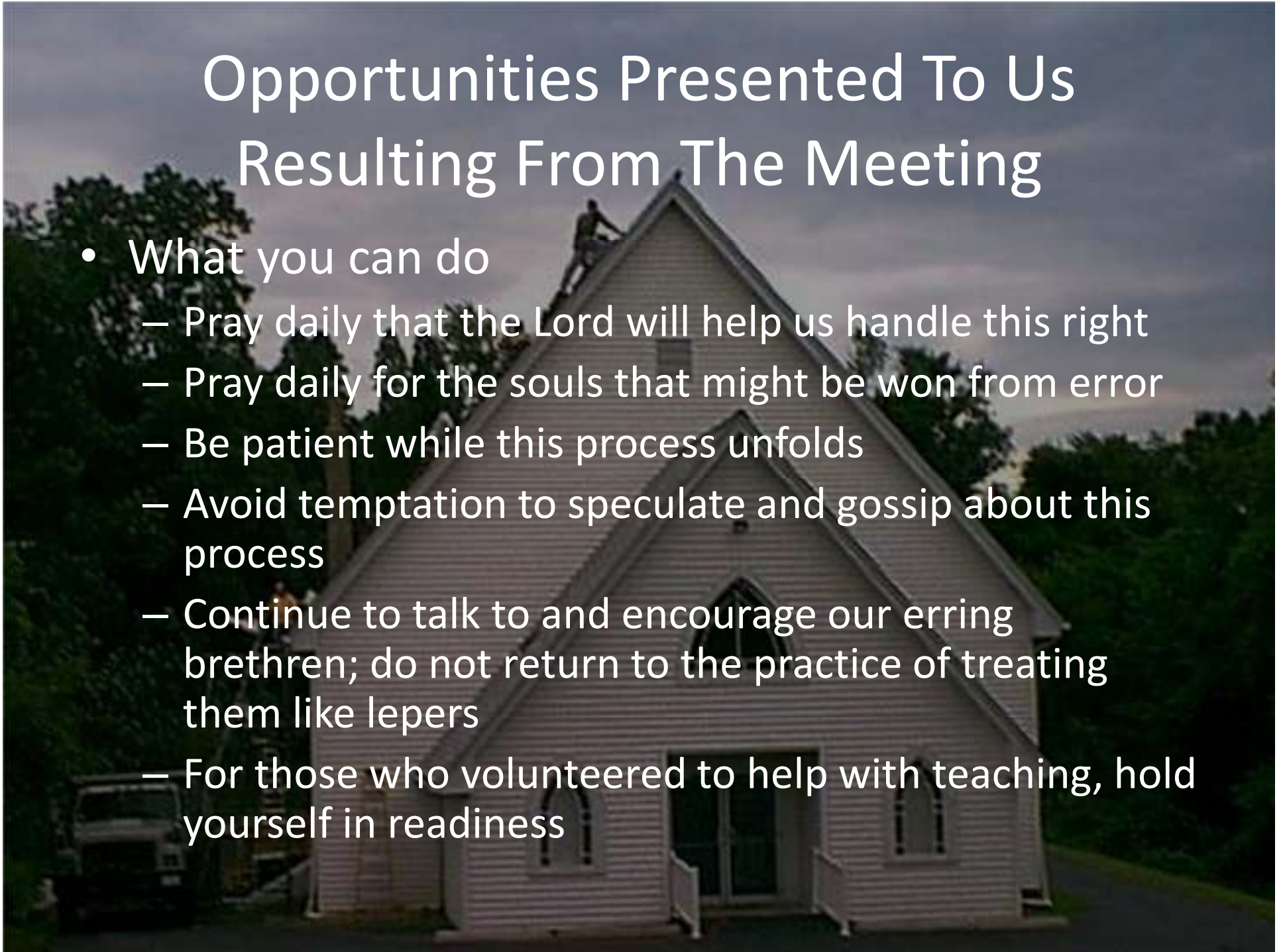


Opportunities Presented To Us Resulting From The Meeting

- Risks connected with this opportunity
 - That we will allow fear, inertia, or stubbornness to let it pass
 - That we will use poor judgment in using it
 - That we will fail to communicate properly with you and visitors
 - That we will yield to the temptation to compromise the truth in an effort to restore our erring brethren
 - That some disciples will allow their emotions to guide them to return to fellowship with our erring brethren without restoring them to the truth
- This is an opportunity to restore our brethren; it is not a wholesale endorsement of worshiping with institutional congregations; do not misunderstand what is going on here

Opportunities Presented To Us Resulting From The Meeting

- What you can do
 - Pray daily that the Lord will help us handle this right
 - Pray daily for the souls that might be won from error
 - Be patient while this process unfolds
 - Avoid temptation to speculate and gossip about this process
 - Continue to talk to and encourage our erring brethren; do not return to the practice of treating them like lepers
 - For those who volunteered to help with teaching, hold yourself in readiness



Opportunities Presented To Us Resulting From The Meeting

- This opportunity does not void Bible authority on the work of the church and the nature of fellowship
 - The New Testament way is not just the best way; it is the only way
 - Benevolence for needy saints - we followed the Bible pattern
 - A good work is not a good work if it is not done God's way
 - Preacher support - we follow the Bible pattern
 - Like the Pharisees, making converts does not save them if they are converted by erring means into erring congregations
 - Social activities (Not optional, but necessary for the health and growth of individual Christians) - we follow the Bible pattern for social purposes
 - The Bible hands on way versus the institutional way