

## Our GOSPEL MEETING

Next Sunday, Sept. 24 through Sept. 28

Speaker: Charles C. Pugh III

Sunday:

Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m.

Monday through Thursday: 7:00 p.m.



### The Gospel Meeting

- Dalton Key -

While the term "gospel meeting" is not found as such in the Bible, those items which constitute such a godly endeavor are endorsed throughout. A gospel meeting is simply an assembly or meeting of those interested in hearing the gospel message. This meeting is generally composed of (1) those who have not yet obeyed the gospel message, (2) those who once obeyed the gospel, but have since fallen back into their old way of sin, and (3) those faithful Christians for whom the sweet message of the gospel never grows old. (Notice the imparting of the gospel to aliens in Mark 16:15 and to saints in Romans 1:15 and 1 Cor. 15:1,2).

A gospel meeting should revolve around the gospel of Christ Paul, while in Troas, held what we would call a short gospel meeting. Acts 20:7 tells us of (1) the disciples coming together, and (2) Paul's preaching to them. The substance and subject of Paul's preaching are revealed in 1 Cor. 9:16: "... yea, woe is me if I preach not the gospel." We are further assured of Paul's preaching the gospel of Christ by such passages as 2 Cor. 2:12, "I came to Troas to (preach) Christ's gospel." No other gospel would suffice then, and the same is true today. (Gal. 1: 7,8,9.)

A gospel meeting should contain saints interested enough in spiritual matters to attend. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is." (Heb. 10:25.)

A gospel meeting should be supported by those interested in leading lost souls to Christ. Sinners have no hope but through the gospel. (Rom. 1:16). All those not obedient to the gospel will remain servants of sin (Rom. 6:16-18; John 8:34), awaiting the vengeance of the Lord upon his return. (2 Thess. 1:7-9.) Those outside of Christ will not obey until they have, heard and believed; they can neither hear nor believe until they are either taught personally or brought to a place where such teaching takes place. A gospel meeting provides such an opportunity.

- Beacon, Bellview Church of Christ, Pensacola, FL -

Wisdom is when you see something the way God does.

### News & Notes

**BRIDAL SHOWER:** for MaClay Moore, tomorrow, Sept. 18th, 6 - 8 p.m. at the Fellowship Bldg. RSVP to Docie.

**LADIES DAY:** Next Saturday, Sept. 23rd, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., McGuffey Road Church of Christ, Youngstown, OH. Additional details on the bulletin board.

**COVERED DISH DINNER:** Next Sunday, Sept. 24th, about noon at the Fellowship Bldg., followed by our afternoon service at 2:00 p.m. at the church building.

**LADIES DAY:** Saturday, Sept. 30th, Southern Hills. Registration & Refreshments: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Program: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., "Where Is Your Next Paradise?" Speakers: Latisha Brown, Karen McHan, Christi Robison. Lunch provided. Additional details on the bulletin board.

**WEDDING:** The Families of MaClay Moore and Noah Toomey invite you to their wedding Saturday, September 30th, 2:00 p.m. at the Virginia Church of Christ. Cookies and cake from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Chester City Building.

**OPEN HOUSE:** Saturday, September 30th, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Building to celebrate Donna Stevens' 90th Birthday.

**LADIES DAY:** Saturday, Oct. 7th., Newcomerstown, OH. Registration: 9:30-10:00 a.m. Program: 10:00 a.m., "Diamonds In The Rough", Speaker: Latisha Brown.

**GOSPEL MEETING:** Oct. 8-12, Newcomerstown, OH with Rico Brown.

**PANTRY:** Canned fruit (2nd request).

**SICK & SHUT-IN:** *Weirton Medical (Rehab) 7th Floor:* Linda Parkes. *At Home:* Melissa Rosohac, Peggy Linger, Nancy Cox, Blondenia Orr, Barbara DeLong, David Strum, Cheryl Renfro Walker, Lori Rowand (John Sprout's niece). *Fox - Chester:* Mary Johnson (Lois Hissom's sister). *In Ohio:* Herman McHan, 7401 Elmwood Drive, Lisbon, OH 44432.

### What Do I Owe My Congregation?

I owe it my loyalty. I must help carry on every good work it undertakes. I should help other congregations in special efforts, but I should not neglect my home congregation.

I owe it my dependability. I am depending on it for many things it does in my behalf. It is not fair and right for me to depend on it and not be such that it cannot depend on me. I must fully keep faith.

I owe it my financial support. It takes money to operate the church and preach the gospel. I am responsible to the Lord to give as He has prospered me. My home congregation has first call on my financial ability, for if the members of the church do not support the work of the home congregation, it will not be supported. The expenses go on whether I am there or not, so I should make up my contribution when absent.

I owe it my presence. If everyone stayed home there would be no church services. I am as responsible as anyone to attend all of its services. I must not be a parasite.

I owe it the influence of a godly life. The life I live either helps others to obey the gospel or makes it harder for them. How I live affects the work of the church and the salvation of the lost. I should live in such a way that my life will be a blessing to others.

- Author Unknown