GOSPEL MEETING

NEXT SUNDAY, <u>APRIL 22ND through THURSDAY</u>, <u>APRIL 26TH</u> EDDIE COOPER, SPEAKER

Sunday Services (during the meeting): Bible Study-9:30 a.m.; Worship-10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday: 7:00 p.m.

A Time Of Revival

The psalmist asked, "Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice may rejoice in thee?" (Psalm 85:6). Ezra expressed thanks to the God of heaven for His grace which permitted a remnant to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple, and he (Ezra) said, "For we were bondmen; yet our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage, but hath extended mercy unto us in the sight of the kings of Persia, TO GIVE US A REVIVING ... (Ezra 9:9). These prayers express sentiment that is appropriate for the church today, at least in principle: REVIVE US AGAIN...GIVE US A REVIVING.

When do we need a revival? We need reviving when we lack the knowledge of God's word to do as He desires. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge..." (Hosea 4:6). When Bible knowledge is lacking, and as a result, the people of God are "carried about with every wind of doctrine" (Eph. 4:14), we need a revival. We need a reviving when there is backsliding. "For Israel slideth back as a backsliding heifer..." (Hosea 4:16). To this backslidden people the prophet preached, "Come, and let us return unto the Lord...After two days will he revive us...and we shall live in his sight" (Hosea 6:1-2). When weighted down with the burden of trouble, we need revival. "Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me..." (Psalm 138:7).

Our upcoming meeting can be a time of revival. Let us pray, "Give us a reviving..." and may it be said of our meeting that they "came weary, and refreshed themselves there" (2 Samuel 16:14).

- Charles Pugh III -

Jesus Christ

The LIGHT for those in darkness.
The WAY for those stumbling and lost.
The HOPE for those separated by sin.
The TRUTH for those surrounded by lies.
The LIFE for those who face death.
The SOLID ROCK in times of distress.
The PEACE THAT PASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING for troubled minds and hearts.

Live for what you will not regret when you die.

News & Notes

NEW CONVERT CLASS: <u>Each Sunday a.m.</u> <u>Bible Class in Room 406.</u> This class is for those who were baptized in the last three years.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: <u>Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.</u> Ladies come and join in this good work to make stuffed bears for sick & needy kids. No ability to sew necessary.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES: <u>Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.</u> All the men are encouraged to participate in this class.

COVERED DISH DINNER & EARLY SERVICE: Next, Sunday, April 22nd; dinner at about Noon followed by the early afternoon service at 2;00 p.m.

BRUNCH FOR THE PREACHER & WIFE: Invite Eddie & Barbara Cooper to brunch during our meeting, sign up on the sheet on the desk.

FRIDAY NIGHT SING: April 27th, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at St. Clair Avenue Church of Christ, East Liverpool, OH.

LADIES INSPIRATION DAYS: Saturday, April 28th at the New Brighton, PA Church of Christ, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Topic: "Anchored In Christ" with speaker, Cathy Dowler. ALSO, Saturday, May 12th here in Chester, 9:00 a.m. - Noon. Topic: "Be Ye Different From The World" with speakers, Nancy Hadley and Janet Malcomson. Lunch Provided.

HOME VISITS: Our Elders and Minister want to get to know the members of this congregation better, so make an appointment to meet them in your home or here at the building. Otherwise, don't be surprised when they show up at your door. To schedule a visit, sign up on the sheet on the desk or see Bro. Rico. 100% participation is requested.

PANTRY: Peanut butter & jelly.

SICK & SHUT-IN: Charlie Delong, David McCoy, Bill & Carol Stillwell, Russell Martin, Linda Wiersbicki, Blondenia Orr, Betty Henthorne, Doris Dunham, Alex Harless, Maria Vecchio (friend of Twila Adamson) 11 yr. old had surgery for stomach cancer. FOX NURSING HOME: Mary Jane Bowers (Room 19), Mary Nelson. CROSSROADS: Sarah Miller, Jim Mick. CALCUTTA HEALTH CARE: Ella Beagle. IN FLORIDA: Ilene Rayl.

A SHORT SERMON

The WORD is solemn — therefore don't trifle.
The TASK is difficult — therefore don't relax.
The OPPORTUNITY is brief —therefore don't delay.
The PATH is narrow — therefore don't wander.
The PRIZE is glorious — therefore don't faint.

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| Weirton Heights | Apr. 15-19 - M-Th 7:00 p.m. | Michael Phillips |
| McKinleyville | Apr. 22-25 - M-W 7:00 p.m. | Different Speakers |
| CHESTER | Apr. 22-26 | Eddie Cooper |