

## Anatomy Of An Evangelistic Church

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**MINDS** that are like Christ's. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Phi. 2:5-8; cf., 2:1-4; Mat. 20:28).

**HEARTS** filled with compassion for the lost. "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved" (Rom. 10:1; cf., John 3:16-17; Luke 19:10; 1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9).

**EYES** that are uplifted so they can see the fields of harvest. "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35; cf., Mat. 9:36-38).

**EARS** that are attuned to the instructions of God and the cries of the lost. "And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavored to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them" (Acts 16:9-10; cf., Rom. 10:9-17).

**TONGUES** that speak God's word with boldness. "And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word" (Acts 4:29; cf., Acts 20:20, 26-27; Mat. 28:18-20; 1 Pet. 3:15; 4:11; 2 Tim. 2:2).

**FEET** that are busy taking the gospel of peace to a world lost in sin. "And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" (Rom. 10:15; cf., Mark 16:15-16; Acts 8:1-4)!

**HANDS** that are outstretched to those in need. "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" (Gal. 6:10; cf., Acts 2:44-47; 4:32-37).

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*Fear no ill but sin, no being but Almighty God. - Pollok*

## News & Notes

**REQUEST FOR PRAYERS:** Iris Durbin (health issues).

**CARE & SHARE BEARS:** Each Tuesday, 9:00-11:00 a.m. All ladies are invited to participate in making stuffed bears for sick & needy kids.

**CONVERT'S CLASS:** Each Thursday at 11:00 a.m. Everyone welcome.

**COVERED DISH DINNER:** Next Sunday, Sept. 1st, about noon at the Fellowship Building followed by our early afternoon worship service at 2:00 p.m. at the church building.

**LABOR DAY COOKOUT:** Monday, Sept. 2nd, 1:00 p.m. at Thompson Park, Pavilion 1, East Liverpool. Take a covered dish or dessert. Meat & beverages provided. Sponsored by the Chester & East Liverpool congregations. Additional details on the bulletin board.

**GOSPEL MEETING:** Sept. 8-12, 7:00 p.m., Monday-Thursday at McKinleyville. Different speakers each evening. Rico speaks Monday.

**PANTRY:** Peanut butter & jelly.

**SICK & SHUT-IN:** *At Home:* Susan Beagle, Rich Robinson, Sue Haught, Lois Hissom, Harry Huff, Dean Spencer, Peggy Linger, Claudette Miller, Nancy Cox, Barbara DeLong, Cheryl Renfro Walker. *Fox-Chester:* Audrey Geer, Janice Hutchins, Mary Johnson. *Elsewhere:* Carloyn Carbone (sister of Janet Malcomson & Becky McKitrick), Care Haven Center, 2720 Charles Town Rd., Martinsburg, WV 25405. Brenda Harris, 102 Cardinal Dr., Rockwell, NC 28138. Herman McHan, 7401 Elmwood Dr., Lisbon, OH 44432.

## Ten Great Ideas

*(And They Are All Mine)*

1. My idea of visitation—folks come to see me.
2. My idea of sympathy—everyone suffers with me.
3. My idea of meekness—everyone yielding to me.
4. My idea of a wise man—the man who listens to and agrees with me.
5. My idea of unity—everyone agreeing with me.
6. My idea of cooperation—everyone working to help me.
7. My idea of a good sermon—one that applies to everyone but me.
8. My idea of a sinner—the person I dislike.
9. My idea of good attendance to worship and Bible study—showing up when I feel good.
10. My idea of personal evangelism—that is what everyone else, especially the preachers and elders, need to do.

As a matter of fact, I should have written the Bible—I would have done a great job.

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