

Our GOSPEL MEETING

Next Sunday through Thursday

SPEAKER: Bruce Daugherty

Sunday: Bible Study - 9:30 a.m., Worship - 10:30 a.m.; Fellowship Meal - Noon, Afternoon Worship - 2:00 p.m.

Monday through Thursday- 7:00 p.m.

Support our meeting with your attendance.



Saved or Lost—Because of You

Salt or stumbling block? Which one is it? Ideally, the Christian is the salt of the earth, the light of the world. He is one who has an influence for good to save souls, to lead them from darkness into the light of Christ. Unfortunately, some who profess to be a Christian are not that salt, light, influence for good and salvation. Some are stumbling blocks, obstacles in the paths of others. Paul admonished "that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way" (Rom. 14:13). There were those in the church at Pergamos who, like Balaam of old, were stumbling blocks to the children of God (Rev. 2:14). The Christian is created "unto good works, which God hath before ordained." Certainly, God did not create him for the destructive work of causing others to be lost or making their salvation more difficult!

As salt or as a stumbling stone you, by now, have caused someone to become a Christian—or become lost. The power of influence cannot be minimized. Good influence radiates into far places and effects many people. Bad influence does the same. No living soul is without influence. He influences someone somewhere.

Many Christians refuse to face the reality of their own lives as the effects it has on the lives of others. Some women wonder why their husbands do not become Christians. The answer, in too many instances, is that the wife is a stumbling stone before her husband. This is also true of the husband toward his wife. Many children, as they mature, see the hypocrisy of their parents, yes parents who profess to be Christians, and later turn away from Christianity to the perplexity and confusion of their parents. Why so? Because the parents were stumbling stones rather than salt and light.

Many souls have been won to Christ by Christians who were not gifted teachers, who never preached a sermon or taught a class, but who showed the way to Christ to those who observed their life. Edgar Guest put it this way:

"I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day;
I'd rather one walk with me than merely tell the way."

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For time and eternity, Jesus is all we need.

News & Notes

GOSPELMEETING: Bro. Rico is away this week in a meeting in Florida.

LADIES MEETING: This morning immediately following our worship.

This is to discuss plans for our Ladies Day in May.

BAPTISM: Katie Wright. We rejoice with Katie.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS NEEDED: Joyce Vantilberg (Scharlotte Jones' daughter) lost her house and belongings in a recent fire. She is in need of a refrigerator, washer & dryer, and furniture. Contact Scharlotte if you have items you can donate.

LADIES INSPIRATION DAY: Saturday, April 20th. National Road Church of Christ, Wheeling. Details on the bulletin board.

LADIES INSPIRATION DAY: Saturday, April 27th. Steelton Church of Christ. Details on the bulletin board.

MID-OHIO VALLEY LADIES INSPIRATION DAY: Saturday, April 27th. Camden Avenue Church of Christ, Parkersburg. Details on the bulletin board.

PANTRY: Tomato soup.

REMEMBER THESE SICK & SHUT-IN: Continuing Healthcare, Lisbon: Stan Williams. **At Home:** Scharlotte Jones, Kevin Richmond, Alan Six (Marilyn Miller's brother), Anita Hopwood, Dean Spencer, Peggy Linger, Claudette Miller, Nancy Cox, Barbara DeLong, David Strum, Cheryl Renfro Walker, David Michaels (Ed's brother), Todd Grimes (Cindy Miskimen's nephew), Lori Stocks (Karen Strum's niece), Eric Martin (friend of Joe Brubaker), Rich Shilling (relative of Iris Durbin). **Fox - Chester:** Janice Hutchins, Mary Johnson. **Calcutta Health Care:** Audrey Geer (Linda Hall's mother). **Elsewhere:** Carol Williams (Sharon Sprout's mother), 104 N. Clayton, Carlsbad, NM 88220. **Herman McHan,** 7401 Elmwood Drive, Lisbon, OH 44432.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Bridge Street, N. Martinsville Apr. 14-17Scott Judge
Salem/Glen Easton Apr. 14-18Greg Yost
Hanoverton Apr. 14-18Dan Kessinger
Weirton Heights Apr. 14-19Ed Mellott
CHESTER Apr. 21-25 Bruce Daugherty

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There is more to Christianity than merely telling the way. There is the showing of the way.

Are there those in the world today who are not faithful to Christ— because you aren't? Are you a stumbling block to someone who would follow Christ—but for you?

Today—someone is saved because of you; or someone is lost because of you. What will it be tomorrow?

- Author Unknown

(via Beacon. Bellview Church of Christ, Pensacola, FL)