



OUR GOSPEL MEETING

Next Sunday through Thursday, September 26

Speaker: Charles C. Pugh III

Sunday: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Covered Dish Dinner about noon

Early afternoon service 2:00 p.m.

Monday through Thursday: 7:00 p.m.

GIMMICKS? OR THE GOSPEL

"Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled" (Luke 14:23). Living in a gadget and gimmick filled world, some have the idea the church must resort to gimmicks, gadgets, and fads in order to fulfill the great commission.

Jesus rebuked those who followed Him for the loaves (John 6:26). Never did Jesus, or His apostles, dangle any gimmicks before people to coax them into the kingdom. Instead, He cautioned prospective disciples. He called attention to the difficulties of following Him (Luke 9:57-58). One of the reasons why some fall away is because they have no root (Luke 8:13). Such describes those who would be motivated by fads and gimmicks. Whatever it takes to win them, it takes to keep them.

Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself" (John 12:32). The crucified, buried, risen, ascended, glorified, and exalted Christ will draw. There is no greater power than that which is in the gospel of Christ (Romans 1:16). Plain, loving, and faithful preaching of the gospel will motivate people in the way the Lord desires.

The denominations see no limitations to what they can do in order to get their people to take their false doctrine to the world. And they also are not limited in what they will do to get people to hear their false doctrines. However, the New Testament church is limited. It is limited by the truth (1 Timothy 3:15). False religion is promoted by gimmicks and fads, but the Lord's church simply preaches the gospel.

- Charles C. Pugh III -

MEETING



LIST

- Invite Friends _____
- Pray _____
- Call others _____
- Prepare ahead _____
- Pray for Charles _____
- Plan to sing out _____
- Greet visitors _____
- Encourage others _____
- Attend _____
- Be a part _____

The sinner in the pew will never be cleansed by soft-soap from the pulpit.

News & Notes

CONFESSION: Brenda Akers.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All ladies are invited to participate in making small stuffed bears for sick and needy kids.

COVERED DISH DINNER & EARLY SERVICE: Next Sunday, Sept. 22nd about noon at the Fellowship Building followed by our early afternoon service at 2:00 p.m. at the church building.

MAIL SORTING PARTY: Saturday, Sept. 28th, 9:00 a.m. at the Fellowship Building for the men. This is in conjunction with a House to House "door knocking" program for early October. We will do a MAILING instead.

LADIES INSPIRATION DAYS: (1) Saturday, Sept. 28th at Southern Hills Church of Christ, Salineville, OH. **Registration & mini-breakfast: 9-10 a.m. Topic: "Quilting: Picking up the Pieces."** **Speakers:** Jennifer Frances, Docie Moore, and Bobbie Goodnight. Lunch Provided.

(2) Saturday, Oct. 5th, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Columbiana, OH Church of Christ. **Topic: Vinedressers - Growing the Fruit of the Spirit** with Katie Gilchrist as speaker.

PANTRY: Peanut butter and jelly.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER & WITH CARDS: Rick Beck (minister at Weston, WV), 807 Camden Ave., Weston, WV 26452. Rick had recent cancer surgery.

Kathy McGeehan (Mike Martin's sister-in-law), 11325 Straford Ridge Lane, Chardon, OH 44024. Kathy is undergoing cancer treatments.

SICK & SHUT-IN: VALLEY OAKS, East Liverpool: Fred Larrimore. **AT HOME:** Jim Hadley, Emma Rine, Cam Adamson (Tiwla's husband), Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Arlen & Joann Webb, Doris Dunham, Chris Lamb (David Roach's sister). **FOX:** Mary Jane Bowers. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

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CHESTER, WV Sept. 22-26, 7 p.m. (except Sunday) **Charles Pugh**
New Brighton, PA Sept. 22-25, 7 p.m. (except Sunday) **Paul Shero**

The Word of God

Feelings come and go,
And feelings are deceiving;
My warrant is the Word of God
Nought else is worth believing.
I'll trust in God's unchanging Word
Till soul and body sever;
For though all things shall pass away,
His Word shall stand forever.

- Author Unknown -

SIGNS OF THE TIMES?

When the editor of a small weekly paper ran short of material, he published the Ten Commandments without any editorial comment. He received a reply by letter: "Cancel my subscription, you're getting personal."

A teacher saw a group of children kneeling in the corner of the playground. She immediately reported their activity to the principal. The principal called the children into his office and requested an explanation. "Playing studpoker," they replied.

"Oh, thank goodness," sighed the teacher, "We thought you were praying."