

## Our GOSPEL MEETING

**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.  
Members are expected, Visitors are welcomed!*



### Gospel Meetings Build Up the Church

The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation today just as it was in the first century. There are many ways of teaching the Gospel but let us not forget, that one of the most successful ways is the Gospel meeting. We have all seen the power of Gospel meetings. Many of us obeyed the Gospel during such efforts, and have seen our friends and loved ones respond in obedience. In this article we are considering how a Gospel meeting builds up the church.

1. Gospel meetings have played a very important part in establishing and building up local congregations since the day of Pentecost. They are no less necessary and useful in reaching the lost and building up the church today.

2. Preparation for the meeting builds up the church as it provides the opportunity to reemphasize the importance of soul-saving. Every member should have a prospect list of his own. Nothing does more to quicken our own interest in the preaching of the Gospel than endeavoring to get others to hear and obey it.

3. Attending the services of a Gospel meeting strengthens members by providing the opportunity for indoctrination and spiritual development. In every church there are new members who need such instruction. Even the most mature Christian needs to hear the "first principles" again and again to become "Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith" (Col. 2:7). It adds power and strength to one's spiritual life to listen to lessons on prayer, the Christian graces and themes that emphasize Christian duty. In these meetings, our vision is enlarged, our courage is increased, inspiration is received, and members are built up in the faith.

4. The meeting provides opportunity for contacting new prospects. If a careful record is made of those in attendance, many new names will be furnished for further visitation. Every individual who comes into the meeting house is a possible prospect. Too often, they are never gained because no record of their visit is made and further contact is impossible. It is tragic to neglect those who show interest to attend our services. Let us all provide a cheerful, friendly welcome to all who attend our Gospel meeting.

- Author Unknown (via *Beacon*, Bellview Church of Christ, Pensacola, FL) -

*The Gospel is for all!*

### News & Notes

**COVERED DISH DINNER: TODAY about noon** at the Fellowship Building followed by our **early afternoon service at 2:00 p.m.** at the church building. Covered dish **also on April 21st** (the first day of our meeting).

**CONVERT'S CLASS: Postponed until May.**

**MEN'S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, April 13th, 8:30 a.m.** at the Columbiana Church of Christ.

**LADIES INSPIRATION DAY: Saturday, April 20th.** National Road Church of Christ, Wheeling. 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:** Canned potatoes.

**REMEMBER THESE SICK & SHUT-IN: *Continuing Healthcare, Lisbon:*** Stan Williams. ***At Home:*** Kevin Richmond, Harry Huff, 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

New Philadelphia .....	Apr. 7-10 .....	Brian Kenyon
Salem/Glen Easton.....	Apr. 14-18 .....	Greg Yost
Hanoverton.....	Apr. 14-18 .....	Dan Kessinger
Weirton Heights.....	Apr. 14-19 .....	Ed Mellott
<b>CHESTER.....</b>	<b>Apr. 21-25.....</b>	<b>Bruce Daugherty</b>

#### SEEDS THAT ARE SCATTERED—INCREASE, BUT HOARDED UP—THEY PERISH!

Richard Massey

The WORD OF GOD is the SEED OF THE KINGDOM according to the teaching of Jesus (Luke 8:5-15). In principle the Word of God works like any other seed, it must be planted in the hearts of men before it can have any hope of bearing fruit. If watermelon seeds remain in a seed bin, no one will ever taste a sweet juicy red ripe watermelon. They will remain tasteless seeds. We will never see any beautiful blue bonnets if the seeds are hoarded up in some dark basement. Seeds were made by God to be scattered upon the earth so that we can gain from the fruit borne.

Christians must not keep God's Word to themselves. We must avoid hoarding the holy seed. Read 1 Peter 1:23, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, **by the word of God**, which liveth and abideth forever" (Emph. RM). No one can be born again without it being planted in their hearts. For God's Word to do any good at all we must scatter it. And we must "GO" in order to do this (Mark 16:15). The fields are not going to "come" to us, we must "GO" to the fields.

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