

Our GOSPEL MEETING
Next Sunday, Sept. 23rd
through Thursday, Sept. 27th
with Tim Hatfield

Why Have A Gospel Meeting?

Casual Christians seek only immediate benefits for themselves and maybe their families. This selfishness keeps them from looking for ways for more people to hear the gospel more times. Some leaders have chosen to discontinue gospel meetings because they have seen smaller crowds and fewer baptisms in response to the visiting preacher. Others continue meetings only because of the difficulty in breaking old traditions. Consider the following reasons for these special efforts to save the lost and strengthen the saved, these efforts we call gospel meetings.

1. Gospel meetings aid sinners by giving them an opportunity to hear the truth.
2. Gospel meetings afford a congregation an opportunity for a concerted effort by every member in seeking the lost of the community.
3. Gospel meetings usually feature visiting preachers, and all profit from hearing different men preach Christ.
4. Gospel meetings give members of denominations an opportunity to visit services without missing their own services.
5. Gospel meetings encourage cooperation between sister congregations.
6. Gospel meetings save sinners.
7. Gospel meetings restore the fallen.

Gospel meetings seem ineffective because too many members of the church do nothing to make them effective.

- *Bulletin Digest* -

Eternity Is Coming

William Russell of England on the scaffold about to be beheaded, took his watch from his pocket and gave it to a Dr. Burnett, who was attending him. Russell told the Doctor, "my timepiece may be of service to you; I have no further occasion for it. My thoughts are fixed on eternity."

Eternity is an extremely hard concept for man to comprehend. In fact, eternity is so incomprehensible to the mind of mortal man that in all the Holy Bible, the word "eternity" occurs but one time. That's in Isaiah 57:15 (KJV) where the prophet says that God "*inhabits eternity.*"

Perhaps we're just too wrapped up in day-to-day occurrences of the here and now. Whatever the reason, there is no doubt we would benefit by giving more attention to the biblical teaching of the there and then. In order to survive on earth everyone needs to think more about what will happen when we leave earth for the final frontier — eternity itself.

- East Hill Church of Christ, Pulaski, TN (*Bulletin Digest*) -

And if you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each man's work, conduct yourself in fear during the time of your stay upon the earth. - 1 Peter 1:17 (NASV)

News & Notes

CONGRATULATIONS: To Casandra Miskimen on the birth of a son, **Sept. 2nd**, Jordan Thomas Theodore Holava. The grandmother is Cindy Miskimen, and the great grandmother is Linda Parkes. Best wishes to all.

NEW ADDRESS: Marella Martin Heffner, 575 Grandview Road, Chester, WV 26034. Phone: (704) 733-8591.

NEW CONVERT CLASS: Each Sunday a.m. Bible Class in Room 401.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. All ladies invited.

MEN'S ENRICHMENT CLASS: Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. for 1 hour (except Sept. 25th during our meeting). Men, come and study together with other men of the church.

GOSPEL MEETINGS:

CHESTER.....**Sept. 23-27** (Mon. - Thur., 7:00 p.m.) **Tim Hatfield**
 Weirton Heights**Oct. 14-18** (Mon. - Fri., 7:00 p.m.) **Dan Kessinger**

FELLOWSHIP DINNER & EARLY SERVICE: Next Sunday Sept. 23rd at about noon at the Fellowship Building followed by our **early afternoon worship service at 2:00 p.m.** at the church building.

LADIES INSPIRATION DAY: Saturday, Sept. 29th at Southern Hills Church of Christ **Registration & mini breakfast, 9:00-10:00 a.m.** Speakers: Danielle Burch, Latisha Brown, and Karen Taylor. Lunch provided.

MEMBER VISITS: Elders and Minister visits with members can be scheduled in your home or to meet here at the building by signing the sheet on the desk, or arrange an appointment by talking to Rico.

PANTRY: Cereal & crackers.

TO HAVE SURGERY: Jenny Rhodes is scheduled for knee surgery, **Wednesday, Oct. 17th** at Sewickley Hospital.

SICK & SHUT-IN: Ernie Robinson, Charlie Delong, Bill & Carol Stillwell, Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Doris Dunham, Alex Harless. **FOX NURSING HOME:** Mary Jane Bowers (Room 19). **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **AUBURN NURSING HOME, SALEM, OH:** Jim Mick. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

Five Decisions That Affect Destiny

Life is a series of choices. We make decisions every day that either move us closer to or further away from God. What decisions affect our destiny?

- What do you hear? Matthew 17:5; Hebrews 2:1.
- Who do you follow? 1 Peter 2:21; 1 Corinthians 11:1.
- Who do you love? 1 John 2:15; Matthew 22:37-39.
- Who do you obey? Romans 6:15-23; Hebrews 5:8.
- Who do you serve? Romans 6:17-18; Matthew 4:10.

"The decision is yours" is a powerful statement! Are you making the right decisions?

- Mark Posey, *Glad Tidings of Good Things (House to House)* -