

## Our GOSPEL MEETING

**TODAY through Thursday**

**SPEAKER: Bruce Daugherty**

**Today:** 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.**



## The Church Must Uphold the Truth!

Many seem to believe truth is either non-existent, unattainable or ever changing. God's people, however, must help the world see the unchanging truth that will set them free (John 8:32).

Paul told Timothy the church is the "pillar and ground of the truth" (1 Timothy 3:15). In other words, the church is the column and the prop that holds up the truth. Jesus' prayer shows the Truth is important because it is the means of man's sanctification. No wonder Jesus gave His followers the assignment of taking the good news to every creature (Mark 16:15-16)!

The church is to teach the Truth. Peter and John said they were compelled to preach (Acts 4:20). Later, all the apostles were arrested because of the impact of their preaching. After an angel set them free, they were found in the Temple teaching. They were recaptured, threatened and beaten, but did not stop preaching daily (Acts 5:25, 42). Those scattered by the persecution following the death of Stephen preached wherever they went (Acts 8:4). Paul reminded the Ephesian elders of his teaching in their city day and night (Acts 20:20).

The church must send teachers with the Truth. Christ's mission for Paul was carrying Jesus' name to "Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel" (Acts 9:15). Barnabas was sent to Antioch to encourage young Christians. He found Paul to help him, and they taught for a year (Acts 11:22-26). That same church prayed and fasted before Paul and Barnabas went on their missionary journey (Acts 13:2-3).

Each faithful Christian must deliver the God saving message of Truth (2 Timothy 2:2). Our Savior wants us to be a light showing the way to the Father (Matthew 5:14-16). Paul instructed Timothy, "Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you" (1 Timothy 4:16).

**The church is the home of the saved. It must uphold the truth so others can learn the life-giving message.**

- Gary C. Hampton (via Gospel Gazette online)

*Truth is the only safe ground to stand on.* - Elizabeth Cady Stanton 1815-1902

## News & Notes

**COVERED DISH DINNER: TODAY about Noon** at the Fellowship Building followed by our **early afternoon worship at 2:00 p.m.** at the church building. Join in our fellowship together.

**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: Next Saturday, April 27th.** Steelton Church of Christ. Details on the bulletin board.

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

**PANTRY:** Peanut butter & jelly.

**REMEMBER THESE SICK & SHUT-IN: *Continuing Healthcare, Lisbon:*** Stan Williams. ***At Home:*** Elaine McClung, 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:*** Audrey Geer (Linda Hall's mother), Janice Hutchins, Mary Johnson. ***Elsewhere:*** **Carol Williams** (Sharon Sprout's mother), 104 N. Clayton, Carlsbad, NM 88220. **Herman McHan**, 7401 Elmwood Drive, Lisbon, OH 44432.

## GOSPEL MEETINGS

Sissonville .....May 2 - 4..... Ed Melott  
St. Clair Ave., East Liverpool .....May 5 - 8..... Steve Higginbotham

## SEEKING THE LOST

NOTHING in all of the world is more important than soul-saving! If the church could be fully convinced of this, we not only could, but we would literally saturate our community and the world with the saving message of the gospel.

Jesus came to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10). Brethren, do we not realize that Jesus knew what was really important in this life? And remember, He left us an example, that we should follow (1 Pet. 2:21).

But, as a general rule, what do you think most members are doing in the matter of saving souls? The fact of the matter, far too many are doing nothing. It is true, that most are doing almost nothing about the most important thing in the world.

God has placed upon our shoulders this important work. If the saving message is to be heard, it must come from the church, "the pillar and ground of the truth" (1 Tim. 3:15).

- Author Unknown