

Support our GOSPEL MEETING
with your prayers and presence ...
Today through Thursday, April 27th
With Roger Rush

THINGS YOU SHOULD DO (To Make The Church Stronger!)

Every child of God should want the church to be strong in the faith. As individuals, we are charged to "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). We can read in Acts how that the original congregations "increased in number daily" (Acts 16:5). One goal of every Christian, without exception, should be to help the church grow! Listed below are some things you can do to help the church here become stronger in the faith, and larger in number too.

You should *pray* ...

- ...Consistently (1 Thes. 5:17).
- ...Boldly (Heb. 4:16).
- ...For forgiveness of our sins (Acts 8:22-24).
- ...For each other (Phil. 1:9).
- ...for the lost (Rom. 10:1).
- ...for our Elders, Deacons, Bible class teachers, husbands, wives, each member, and all others (1 Tim. 2:1).

You should *study* ...

- ...to increase your faith (Rom. 10:17).
- ...to gain God's approval (2 Tim. 2:15).
- ...to "prove" (test) all things (1 Thes. 5:21).
- ...to keep from falling away (1 Cor. 10:11, 12).
- ...in Bible classes and sermons (Heb. 10:24-25)
- ...daily (Acts 17:11)

You should *show whose "side" you are on* ...

- ...by attending all the services of the church (Heb. 10:25).
- ...by speaking out for gospel truth, and against sin (1 Pet. 4:11; 2 Sam. 12:1-7).
- ...by correcting brethren who err (Gal. 6:1; James 5:19, 20).
- ...by refraining from this world's wicked values (Rom. 12:1-2; 1 John 2:15-17).

You should *teach* ...

- ...your family (Eph. 6:4; Titus 2:4-6).
- ...the lost, how to be saved (Matt. 28:19-20).
- ...your Brothers and Sisters, so they may stay saved (2 Tim. 2:2).

You should *invite* ...

- ...your neighbors, friends, co-workers to:
 - attend Bible study and worship with you,
 - study the Bible with you in their homes,
 - attend VBS, gospel meetings, lectures, etc., with you.
- ...unfaithful saints to come home (2 Thes. 3:14-15).

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

It is better to offer a hand than to point a finger.

News & Notes

FELLOWSHIP DINNER: today about Noon at the Multipurpose Bldg. All are invited. This will replace the covered dish dinner the first Sunday of May.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Canceled for this Tuesday, April 25th. Resumes Tuesday, May 2nd at 9:00 a.m.

MEN'S LEADERSHIP CLASSES: Canceled for this Tuesday, April 25th, due to our meeting. Class resumes Tuesday, May 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY NIGHT SING: This Friday, April 28th, 7:00 p.m. at the St. Clair Avenue Church of Christ, East Liverpool, OH.

LADIES INSPIRATION DAY: New Brighton, PA Church of Christ, Saturday, May 6th, 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (Registration 9:30 a.m.). "Spring Cleaning for the Heart & Soul." Speaker: Julie Sterchi of Campbellsville, KY.

SUMMER CAMP APPLICATIONS: On the desk in the foyer.

PANTRY: Whole kernel corn.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Cindy Miskimen requests prayers for her dad, Lewis Call who is now in hospice care.

SICK & SHUT-IN: Noni Scadden, Eva Stefl, Betty Henthorne, Doris Dunham.
CROSSROADS: Sarah Miller, Jim Mick, **CALCUTTA HEALTH CARE:** Ella Beagle. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

GOSPEL MEETING

McKinleyville ----- April 30-May 4 ----- Different Speakers

MEN'S RETREAT

Bergholtz, OH ----- April 28-29 ----- Different Speakers

WAS HE A CHRISTIAN?

Once upon a time there was a man who called himself a Christian, but he was indeed an unusual "Christian."

On Monday, while at work, something went wrong. He forgot about God and cursed and swore.

On Tuesday, while making a business transaction, he misrepresented an article and took an unfair advantage of the other fellow.

On Wednesday he heard something evil about a brother and repeated it, making it sound even worse than he had heard.

On Thursday he went to a friend's house for a little gambling. Naturally, there were a few social drinks and he lost a couple of dollars. "A very cheap night's entertainment," he said.

On Friday he became angry at everyone with whom he worked. They all wanted something different than what he wanted. They were all wrong and he told them so in no uncertain terms.

On Saturday his grocer made a mistake and did not charge him for a pound of butter. He did not correct the mistake. After all, it was the grocer's fault.

On Sunday he went to worship. He didn't join in the singing. His mind wandered during the prayers. He slept through the sermon, and was very relieved when the service was over. It was surprising to all that he could find so many things wrong with the service and those who conducted it, when he seemed to pay so little attention to what was going on. That evening he stayed home and watched TV, or went to the movies.

How do you think he rated with God as a Christian?

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